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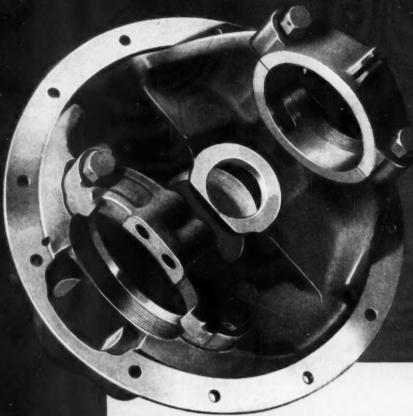
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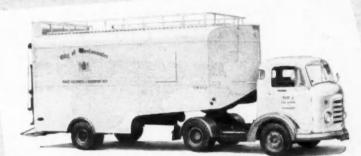
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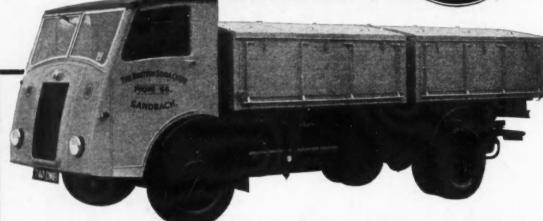
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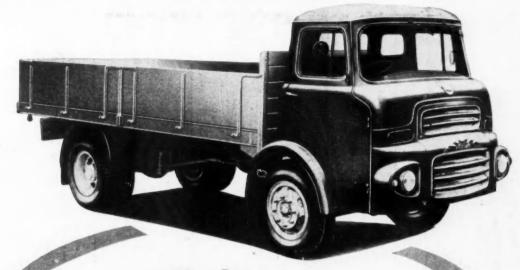
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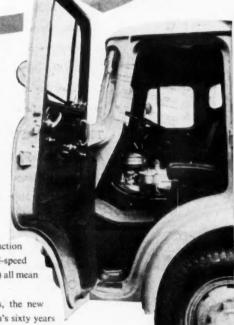


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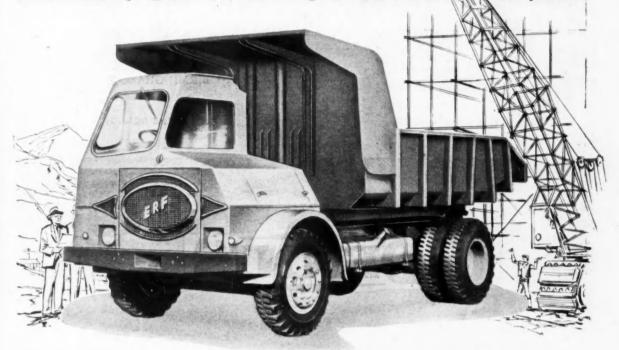
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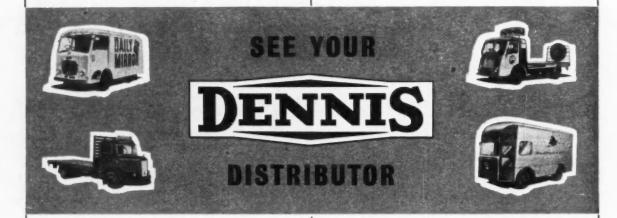
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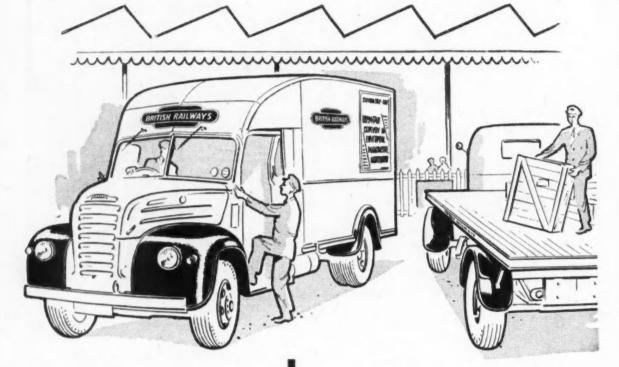
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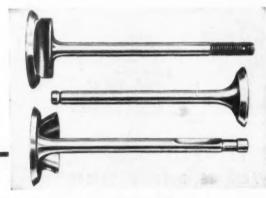
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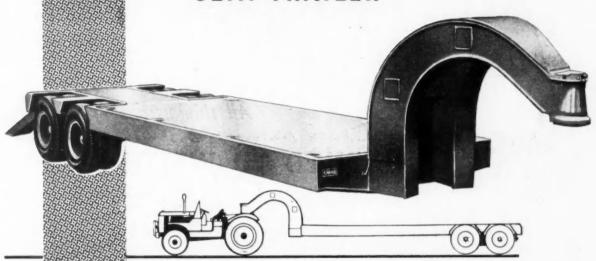
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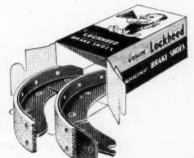
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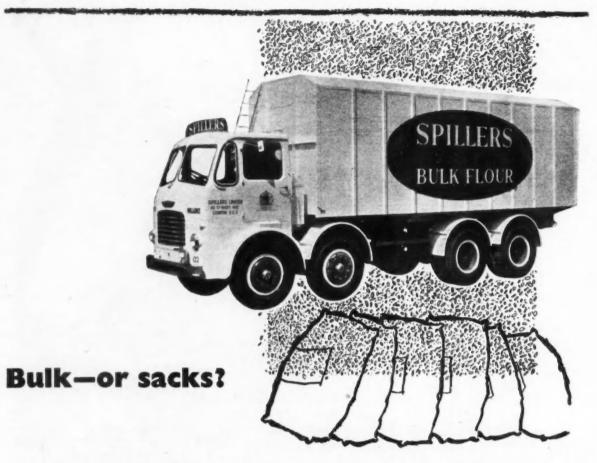
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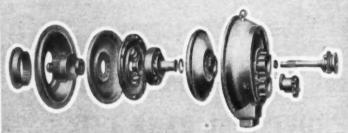
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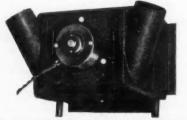
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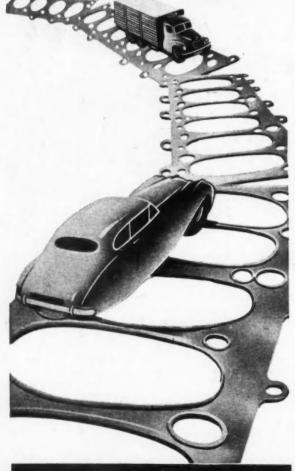
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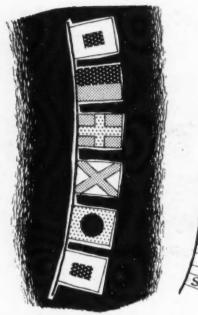
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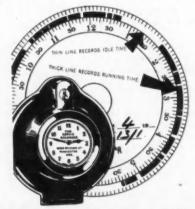


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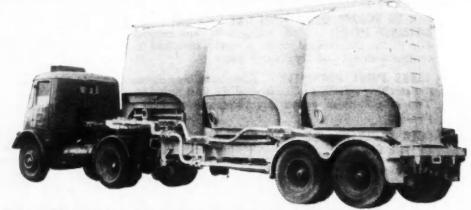
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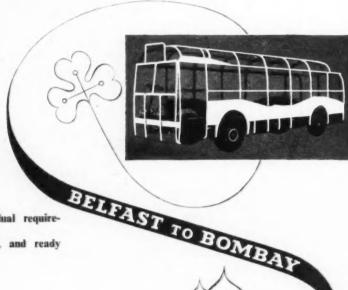
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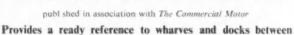
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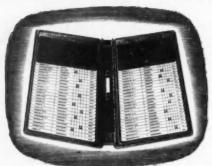
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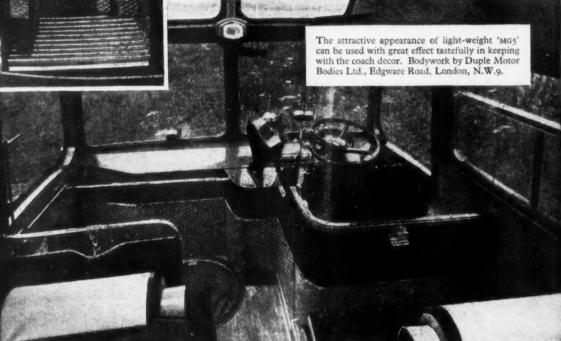
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last week, stressed the importance of a non-partisan approach to transport by staff of the nationalized undertaking. Yet how far the Commission are from

achieving that ideal.

Despite his appeals for a broad outlook, Sir Brian Robertson, the chairman, is probably as guilty as anyone of regarding the railways as the Commission. His statements when the B.T.C.'s annual reports are published make it clear that he is thinking almost entirely of the railways. References to "our traffic" can usually be construed as to railway traffic. British Road Services, one of the Commission's paying assets, appear almost to exist on sufferance.

Traffic Transfers

Nevertheless, Mr. Valentine emphasized that the proper spheres of road and rail were far more complementary to each other than competitive. There must, he said, be substantial transfers of traffic from rail to road, as well as from road to rail, to enable the most economical service to be provided for each kind.

Particularly under the present straitened conditions of the railways, he will find it difficult to persuade the staff to surrender any traffic to road transport, or even to admit that it might be more suitable for road haulage. There is little evidence of active co-ordination between British Railways and B.R.S., and no obvious sign of the fine, selfless outlook which the leaders of the B.T.C. seek to foster. There is, instead, a possibility of antagonism between the Transport and General Workers' Union and the railwaymen's unions if the livelihoods of road-vehicle drivers are threatened by a manipulated transfer of traffic to rail.

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Normally, one would expect a surplus of transport to depress the general level of charges, but Mr. Valentine described it as one of the reasons why for some time customers had been paying more than they should for transport. The other reason was that railway charges had been falsely based.

His cure for the economic ill of under-employed equipment is

to streamline the railways and then, by adjusting rates to the realities of life, to attract more long- and medium-distance freight. Thus, the railways would be "much more fully employed" and congestion on the roads would, he said, be relieved. The implication is that, with the redistribution of traffic, fewer road vehicles would be needed, so that obviously the railways intend to try to take more business from the roads than they propose to surrender.

Efficient railways are, as Mr. Valentine said, an important part of a healthy transport system, and it may be that they are receiving no more than a fair share of investment in transport. He was at pains to point out that over a 15-year period the railways were devoting not more than £14m. a year to track and signalling, compared with a minimum of £60m. a year to be allocated during the next few years to new and improved

roads

About £900m. of the £1,500m. to be spent under the modernization programme would be used for rolling stock, but he estimated that over the corresponding 15-year period some £4,500m. would be invested in road vehicles, excluding cars for private use.

Critics' Doubts

He omitted to mention the important difference that railway rolling stock is being replaced out of public funds, whereas road vehicles are bought out of private capital. Critics of Government investment in the railways are not concerned so much with the precise items on which the money is to be spent, but doubt whether they will ever see a return on any of it. If the modernization programme fails, the Exchequer will be £1,500m, the poorer, whereas if some part of the amount spent on road vehicles proves to have been unwisely invested, only private interests will suffer.

A comparison of expenditure on rail track and roads is also misleading. Rail tracks are for selective use, at a charge to be decided by their owners, whereas the roads are free for all and money invested in them is never wasted. "Like must be compared with like," said Mr. Valentine, and he should practise his belief.

Down to Business

A NEW practical sense is evident in the national organizing committee of the Lorry Driver of the Year Competition. The appointment of a small executive committee with power to act is a symbol of their desire quickly to tidy up the loose ends of organization and administration that have been visible this year.

In particular, the regulations, which have been woefully ambiguous, are to be completely redrafted and made watertight. It follows that they will be much longer and more complicated than in the past, and some drivers may have difficulty in comprehending them fully. There should, however, be no room for argument about their meaning, provided that marshals and drivers are carefully briefed in advance.

Another welcome sign of realism is the decision to reduce the importance attached to academic answers to questions on the Highway Code. In the past, skilful, safe drivers have been unnecessarily penalized by their inability to recall from memory the provisions of the Code, although they may have faithfully practised them daily. They could not redeem the penalties by a good performance on the road or in the manœuvrability tests. In future, they will be able to do so, although the importance of studying the Code is not to be under-

estimated.

In reducing 100 to 50 the marks to be awarded for answers to the Code, the number of points to be awarded

in the road section of the competition is to be increased from 100 to 150. This change is recognition of the greater importance of behaviour on the road, but faults in driving must be carefully codified in advance and there should be a uniform scale of penalties for them. The road section at present offers scope for divergencies of opinion among individual observers, and if the marking of this part of the contest is to be increased, penalties must be more exactly applied.

Most drivers will welcome the national committee's decision to reduce the importance of speed in contests in the final event. It was valued too highly in this year's final, and the spectacle of maximum-load eight-wheelers being reversed at maximum speed was hardly edifying in a competition intended to promote road safety. Moreover, drivers of slow heavy vehicles were unduly penalized. That fault is to be remedied and, at the same time, penalties for errors of judgment in manœuvring will be increased. What is lost in the spectacular will be made up in finesse.

With the possibility of 14 eliminating centres next year, and even more in the future, the question of holding semi-finals in the north and south of England will have to be considered. Already the number of finalists is greater than can be comfortably handled in a day—a tribute to the growing importance of the contest rather than a reflection on its administration.

Passing Comments

Chromium-plating Efficiency Raised

ONE of the companies in the Guest, Keen and Nettlefold's Group is Ionic Plating, who are actually the Group's metal finishing division. Apart from this, however, a considerable external trade is carried out by this company, and some 400 people are employed in their two factories the newer of which is at Dudley.

In the latter works there are two main sections; one specializes in heavy plating, including nickel, copper and hard chromium, and the chromium can be applied to components up to 30 ft. long. The other section deals with bumper bars and other steel pressings, and has an integrated polishing and plating unit.

An important feature of this plant is that the nickel solution can largely "level" the lines left by polishing, thus reducing from at least four to two the polishing operations required before chromium plating.

Success of Private Enterprise College

THE affairs of the College of Aeronautical and Automobile Engineering are certainly in the ascendant, and for its awards day of trophies and diplomas the expected attendance which materialized was so large that it filled Chelsea Town Hall. In the chair was the president, Lord Brabazon, and he was flanked by a distinguished company of patrons amongst whom were such well-known names as Earl Howe, Sir William Lyons, Lord Mills, Marquis Camden, George Eyston and Mr. A. G. B. Owen. The advisory council includes Mr. A. S. Dick, of Standard, Mr. D. Brown, of David Brown Industries, and Group Capt. D. Bader, who was given the quite onerous task of

presenting the dozens of trophies and diplomas. The opening remarks were made by Mr, J. C. Williams, the principal of the College, who, judged by the applause which greeted him, is highly popular.

The Chelsea College, as it is commonly called, started in 1924 under a different name in Kensington and was transferred to Sydney Street, Chelsea, in 1935. It is the only private-enterprise educational establishment of its kind in Britain, and amongst the thousands of students who have passed through it, many have gained high positions in the motor and other industries. At present there are some 400 students undergoing training. Of those a large proportion comes from abroad.

Big Claim for New Fuel

N American professor of the University of California claims to have developed a chemical substitute for petrol which could double the power output of vehicle and aeroplane engines. He and his team of research workers suggest that, with the new compound, engines of a particular power could be reduced to half their present size and weight. The new fuel is made from methane, propane, butane and other petroleum products compounded with nitric acid. It is said to be relatively expensive at the moment, but could be produced economically in large quantities. Nitric acid appears to be a somewhat drastic constituent, but presumably the way in which it is used must obviate any harmful effects from corrosion. If progress in this direction continues we shall shortly be using rocket fuel, but it is to be hoped that the results would be a little more reliable, and that we shall not see motor vehicles taking off at unexpected moments.

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Reducing that Tyre Wear

So many tyres on commercial vehicles have their lives shortened by excessively rapid wear, or even bursts, that hints as to how they should be cared for cannot be over emphasized. In the autumn issue of "Transportation," a British Goodyear publication, is a most useful article on this subject, entitled "Proper Tyre Care Means Lower Cost Per Mile."

Regarding inflation it is pointed out that under-inflation places terrific strain on the shoulders, causes fast, irregular wear of the tread, and results in excessive internal heat.

Over-inflation is perhaps not quite so bad, but it reduces the road-contact area, causing rapid wear of the tread centre. It also increases the dangers of bruising and cutting, for the reason that both tread and carcase are under greater tension, whilst the risk of skidding on wet surfaces is multiplied.

High speed produces faster tread wear and internal heat, and therefore more liability to bursts. Normal mileage can be expected up to 35 m.p.h. If this be the case there should be a bigger demand for tyres when the motorways come into operation.

The rim size should always be that recommended by the makers, for it gives maximum air volume and load capacity. Tyres on narrow rims are apt to damage the beads owing to improper seating.

Twinning new and badly worn tyres is condemned, whether the smaller tyre be fitted on the inside or the outside position. Goodyear recommend that, in the first

instance, tyres of the same diameter be twinned and if wear necessitates a change the two selected for fitting should have a difference in diameter as near as possible to that which existed between the pair removed, which means adopting the relative diameters assumed naturally by wear. If, however, bursts are experienced with inner rears it is suggested that the inner tyre should be $\frac{1}{4}$ in. to $\frac{1}{2}$ in. less in overall diameter than the outer tyre.

Failing regular rotation, only new tyres should be fitted to front wheels and when worn these should be used at the rear. Misalignment is a common cause of front-tyre trouble, whilst kerbing or unequal braking produces fast wear, apart from being unsafe.

Anti-litter for Upper-deckers

IN a recent anti-litter competition organized by T. Wall and Sons (Ice Cream), Ltd., a prize-winning suggestion, which emanated from the Fourth Stoneleigh Brownies of Ewell, called for the fitting of an extra used-ticket box on the upper deck of all buses.

London Transport Executive and the Stoneleigh Brownies seem to have been thinking along the same lines, for Mr. J. D. O. Knowles, Wall's chairman, when visiting the Commercial Motor Show, noticed that the new Routemaster double-deck bus, soon to be introduced to the streets of London, has two of these boxes on the rear platform, so arranged that passengers descending from the upper deck are catered for conveniently.

One Hears—

Of the "C.M." being accused by a reader of splitting an infinitive.

That this goes to show how closely the journal is read—and how seldom the "offence" is committed.

The query: "If Pyroceam will not break when hit, will its use hit insurers of plate glass."

That for 200 years Western man has been concerned at his possible replacement by the machine.

That actually the opposite has happened, each advance in technology giving the individual chances for growth, increased security and often more satisfying work.

That this might be disputed by the man on a production line who tightens a few nuts all his working hours.

That the American Chevrolet, Ford and International Harvester concerns are all testing gas-turbine-engined trucks.

Of a van driver saying that in a country lane his cab was "invaded by squadrons of mosquitoes flying in formation."

Of the new Commer as a welcome newcomer.

Of a complaint from Brighton that some "No Entry" street signs require illuminating at night.

That at some level crossings single balanced bars of the Continental type may replace the old heavy gates.

That a tannin solution has been used to protect the ironwork of Big Ben's tower, which was greatly susceptible to rust.

recent inspection.

That since then hardly a trace of rust can be seen, as ascertained during a

A suggestion that free hauliers should get together to stage an exhibition as a counter blast to B.T.C. trumpet blowing.

That to obviate unjustified criticism, the public should be encouraged to realize that everyone is a user of road transport, directly or indirectly.

That judging by the bright answers in the B.B.C. "Top of the Form" programme, our schools are doing something to remedy the shortage of scientists.



Pickfords' Policy Upset by Pay Claim for Clerks in A-licence Refusal

THE policy of B.R.S. (Pickfords), Ltd., not to operate vehicles on contract A licence is to be relaxed following a decision at Edinburgh last week. Pickfords tried to get a new A licence for three 4,000-gal. tankers without calling customer witnesses, but their application was refused by Mr. W. F. Quin, Scottish Licensing Authority. He rejected a plea that the customers concerned-Scottish Oils and B.P., Ltd.- did not give evidence at traffic courts.

During the hearing, Mr. A. W. Balne. for Pickfords, pointed out that it was their policy to run all vehicles on A licence and none on contract A. However, when the decision was announced he intimated that the company would put in an application for a contract licence.

Explaining the A-licence policy, Mr. Balne said it enabled Pickfords to have a standard pattern of operation: when the big oil companies could not keep the vehicles occupied they could be used on other work. In this case the tankers would be based at Grangemouth.

Pickfords had about 250 tankers in England, but only one in Scotland, which was based at Glasgow. The reason for the application was a contract with Shell-Mex under which Pickfords would supply them with 10 4,000-gal, tankers for their exclusive use for five years. Four of these vehicles had already been authorized in the Metropolitan Area, and the three vehicles now sought were to meet the needs of Scottish Oils and B.P. An application for the remaining three tankers had been made to the North Western Authority.

In order to allay the fears of the objectors-Road Services (Forth), Ltd., and James Hemphill, Ltd.-Pickfords were prepared to give an undertaking not to apply for any contract A licences in the Scottish Area. The Shell contract was for five years, but if it were terminated Pickfords would either surrender the licence or seek a new one with another normal user.

The normal user now being sought was: "Goods for Scottish Oils and B.P., Ltd., Scotland, mainly within 75 miles of base.' The objectors would thus be protected.

Mr. George Parsonage, Pickfords' Northern transport manager, told Mr. Quin that no customer witnesses were to be called. He claimed that it was not customary for Shell and B.P. representatives to give evidence. As far as he knew the traffic to be carried was new.

For Hemphill, Mr. J. Law declared that Pickfords might prefer an A licence, but they had produced no evidence of need.

To this, Mr. Balne submitted that the signed contract was evidence of need-it was no less strong because it was in writing. There was a common misconception that evidence must be given by a witness, but a binding undertaking was sufficient, he claimed.

Refusing the application, Mr. Quin remarked that Pickfords were trying to license vehicles totalling nearly 30 tons, and from the agreement he had seen the work could be done on contract A licence. For an A licence there would have to be proof of need, and he would require a Shell witness. The oil companies had sent representatives to traffic courts before. There was nothing to show that the traffic was not already being carried.

Purchase Tax Causes Dividend Cut

THE Government's failure to remove purchase tax from goods-vehicle chassis is blamed by Sir John E. Thornycroft, governing director and chairman of John I. Thornycroft and Co., Ltd., for the reduced distribution to shareholders.

He says in his annual statement, issued on Tuesday, that trading conditions in both home and export markets have both nome and some been extremely difficult. Transport Equipment (Thornycroft), Ltd., and (Australia) Pty., Ltd., Thornycroft (Australia) Pty., incurred losses during the year, but the Singapore branch made an increased profit. John I. Thornycroft Subsidiaries in Brazil and Argentine passed no worthwhile orders to the United Kingdom. Brazil made a marginal profit and the Argentine interests incurred a small

Sir John says that with the approach of the next General Election and Socialist threats to renationalize road haulage and restrict C-licensees, there has been a transfer of vehicle business to mass

producers. During the past year the trend has been accentuated

Thornycroft's turnover for the year was about £1m, lower. To retain essential labour some orders were being taken with little or no profit.

The long-term outlook for exports of the lighter type of commercial vehicle in a number of markets cannot," Sir John believes, "be very good, owing to the national policies of local manufacture behind tariffs, quotas or prohibitions of import, and it will be, long term, the medium and heavy specialist vehicles which will obtain for the United Kingdom the vital foreign currency to pay for our imports. . . . It will be a national disaster if the Chancellor of the Exchequer does not remove purchase tax before it is too late."

It is expected that the Mighty Antar C.8 model with Rolls-Royce engine, now undergoing development trials by the Army, will be approved for production next year. New types of dump truck are also being developed.

Bus Industry

DISTRICT organization officers of the National and Local Government Officers' Association have been asked to reopen negotiations with individual bus companies for an increase of 7s. 6d. a week for all adult clerical staff, and greater amounts for the more highly paid staff and inspectors.

Offers made by the managements after claims had been submitted simultaneously last June by Nalgo, the Transport and General Workers' Union and the National Union of Railwaymen, were rejected.

A pay claim for staff employed in the Scottish group of bus companies has been submitted by the staff side of the negotiating council in Scotland.

In Public Service, the official journal of Nalgo, for November, Mr. D. M. Sinclair, general manager of the Birmingham and Midland Motor Omnibus Co., Ltd., is accused of having failed to put into practice the precepts on relations in industry which he set out in his paper to the Institute of Transport.

He is stated repeatedly to have refused to co-operate in setting up machinery to resolve differences with 900 members of the company staff who are in Nalgo.

NALGO CALL FOR TAX CUT

REPRESENTATIONS to the Government for a reduction in fuel tax are being made by the National and Local Government Officers' Association. It is pointed out that the pruning of unremunerative services will bring nearer the likelihood of staff redundancies. If the fuel tax were removed, companies would be able to maintain services and pay reasonable salaries.

SCOTTISH HAULIER WARNED

As an operator of a substantial fleet, Mr. P. Strain, Newtonstewart, should know better than to break the law, the Scottish Licensing Authority, Mr. W. F. Quin, said at Glasgow on Tuesday. Further breaches might entail revocation of licences.

Mr. Strain was called before Mr. Quin regarding an application for a contract-A licence. Mr. A. MacKenzie, on his behalf, said previous convictions took place some years ago. They related to a vehicle run in Mr. Strain's name before its take-over had been completed and to the use of a vehicle in substitution when not authorized.

The present application to put a 3½-ton vehicle on contract with West Cumberland Farmers, Ltd., had been held up through delays in his own office. The contract was signed in April, but was not sent to the Licensing Authority because the registration book was not available until July. It was then decided to obtain a new contract, but this came back with a wrong signature, and further delay was caused by holidays, Meanwhile, Mr. Strain, thinking the application was practically granted, operated the vehicle.

Granting the contract application, Mr. Quin said there was no reflection on West Cumberland Farmers.

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Rhodes Appeal: Two

Remarks by Commissioners "Utter Nonsense," Railways Contend

OBSERVATIONS made by the Yorkshire Traffic Commissioners when they granted a coach operator additional excursions were described as "utter nonsense" by Mr. T. B. Atkinson, for British Railways, when an appeal against the decision was heard at Sheffield last week. The grant to Sansom Bros. (Sheffield), Ltd., was also contested by Sheffield United Tours, Ltd.; Hirst and Sweening, Ltd.; Park Garage (Swallownest), Ltd.; Sheffield Corporation; and Sheffield Joint Omnibus Committee.

Sansom's had been allowed to add five destinations to their excursion licence from Handworth, Sheffield. These were Scarborough, Bridlington, Cleethorpes, Skegness and the Yorkshire Coast (circular)

Mr. Atkinson conceded that the Handworth area of Sheffield had grown, but he pointed out that it was within the city boundary and there were already adequate facilities for the destinations concerned. The Commissioners' observations that railway evidence was "not reasonable " and " sparse " did not make sense, because the railways had carried more people from Handworth to Cleethorpes than Sansom's.

Connection Difficulties

The Commissioners had also stated that railway excursions arrived back in Sheffield too late to connect with stage carriage services, which was utter nonsense. The only evidence the Commissioners had heard about late returns concerned Blackpool and Southportdestinations which Sansom's were refused.

For Sheffield Corporation and the joint committee, Mr. C. O. Adams claimed that adequate stage services were operated between Handworth and the city. Any abstraction would be serious, as 90 per cent, of the undertaking's revenue came from small fares.

Mr. F. Marshall, for Park Garage, submitted that the Commissioners had completely ignored the facilities of other operators and had accepted instead evidence of bogus private party work organized by "whippers-in." All Sansom's schedules were tainted with illegal private hire carryings-a method of running excursions and tours without licences.

" Figures Inflated "

Further complaints about private hire were made by Mr. W. R. Hargrave, for S.U.T., who pointed out that the Commissioners had admitted that Sansom's had undertaken unlawful operation. This work had inflated the company's private party figures. There had been no complaints about S.U.T.'s facilities.

Replying for Sansom's, Mr. J. Evans claimed that the appeals were misconceived as additional destinations had been granted-not a new licence. The Minister of Transport had laid down that it was not potential abstraction for more destinations to be sought without a corresponding increase in vehicle allowance. Answering Mr. Hargrave, he admitted that he could not remember when the Minister said this.

Mr. J. R. Willis, the Inspector, said a decision would be announced later.

Liquid Fuel to Come from Coal Soon?

RESEARCH being done in this country to produce liquid fuels from coal is partly revealed in "Fuel Research 1957. The Annual Report of the Fuel Research Station" (Stationery Office, 4s. 6d.).

With the rapid development of nuclear energy to produce electricity, it was possible to envisage a future surplus of low-grade coal as used at present by power stations. Such coal, says the report, could be converted into liquid fuels and town gas by a combination of gasification and Fischer-Tropsch Work on the liquid-phase synthesis technique is to be continued at Stevenage up to pilot-plant scale.

A catalyst has been tried to diminish the amounts of combustible constituents in exhaust gases from vehicles, and was found to reduce carbon monoxide by about 85 per cent, and hydrogen by about 80 per cent. After the vehicle had covered some 11,000 miles, there was a small decrease in the effectiveness of the catalytic combustion unit.

TRANSFER REFUSED

A N attempt by Walker Bros. (Cowden-beath), Ltd., to have three contract-A vehicles transferred to A licence failed at Kirkcaldy, last week, but they were granted a new B licence covering coal from opencast sites and road and building materials, all within 35 miles.

In another application, Walker Bros. were granted four extra B-licence tippers for similar traffic.

"Important Evidence Overlooked"

WHEN the Metropolitan Licensing Authority heard an application by Tartan Arrow Service, Ltd., London, S.E.1, no one noticed that certain evidence brought up the question of irregular operation by the company. This was stated by Mr. Hubert Hull, president of the Transport Tribunal, when he directed on Tuesday that the application for six contract-A vehicles to be put on to A licence should be re-heard.

Tartan Arrow had appealed against the Authority's decision to refuse the application. Mr. C. R. Beddington, for the company, said the vehicles, four of which were on hire, carried new furniture and general goods to the Midlands, the North of Scotland, and locally for Herrmann, Ltd., furniture manufacturers, Rayleigh,

Vehicles Granted HOME licences to allow Peter Rhodes. Ltd., London, E.1, to carry chilled

meat to the Swiss-Italian frontier were granted on Tuesday by the Transport Tribunal. The Metropolitan Licensing Authority had refused an application for four vehicles to be used, but the Tribunal agreed to grant two.

Giving the Tribunal's reserved decision. Mr. Hubert Hull, president, said it was the first case of a haulier desiring to provide a through road service to the Continent seeking a licence for the journey on

English roads.

No question of general principle was involved. The only evidence of need for the proposed facility was in respect of one company, W. Norwood and Sons, Ltd. The facilities offered to them by British Railways Interfrigo service were suitable, but there were not enough wagons.

We think that the future needs of W. Norwood and Sons would be sufficiently met if, in addition to the Interfrigo service, they were able every week to have the use of one such vehicle as the appellant proposes to provide," said

Because the journey to the Swiss-Italian frontier would take a week, it was necessary to grant a licence for two vehicles to meet the requirements. The vehicles would be confined to carrying chilled meat from slaughterhouses in the Home Counties and Lincolnshire to Til-

Mr. Hull referred to the failure of " such an experienced person as the Licensing Authority" and the representatives of the parties at the public inquiry to notice certain discrepancies in the figures of work of two of Rhodes' vehicles.

"It is a particularly striking example of the inconvenience of the practice which permits documents of importance to be put in as evidence at the last moment," he declared. "We are tired of saying it is impossible for serious consideration to be given to documentary evidence-more especially of a statistical nature—if it is made available only at the inquiry.

The appeal was resisted by the British Transport Commission and four private hauliers, Wades Transport (Tottenham), Ltd.; Guest Scottish Carriers, Ltd.; W. Pike, Ltd.; and Road Services (Caledonian), Ltd.

Mr. J. R. C. Samuel-Gibbon, for the B.T.C., contended that Herrmann's had been prodded into supporting the application in the hope that rates would be either lower or stable.

Mr. J. Amphlett, for the other objectors, suggested that there might have been irregularities in the use of the contract vehicles for three concerns which were described as Herrmann's subsidiaries.

Directing that the case should be re-heard by the Authority, Mr. Hull said the haulier and customer should be given an opportunity to refute the allegation.

Bulk Liquid Transport Case for Assizes: Defence Plea Fails

FIVE employees of Bulk Liquid Transport, Ltd., Gildersome, are to appear with the company at Leeds Assizes on charges of conspiring to break the law governing lorry drivers' hours (The Commercial Motor, last week). They were sent for trial by Morley magistrates after a three-day hearing. Another employee—J. A. Kilvington, the company's traffic controller—was discharged.

The five are B. Skelly, transport manager; L. J. Hickson, his assistant; C. Kershaw, foreman driver; C. Burkenshaw, checker; and W. Jennings, a driver. The company, Skelly and Kershaw are also accused of inducing a driver named Richard Smith to commit perjury.

On the last day of the hearing at Morley, four drivers gave evidence for the prosecution. J. W. Curley said he had been unable to keep within the permitted hours, although his records always showed only 11 hours' work.

Kept Copied Records

Answering Mr. A. M. Hurwitz, prosecuting, he said he left Bulk Liquid after a trip to Oldham which took 12 hours. He completed his documents accurately, but was told by Kershaw to "fill them in and conform to the law." When he handed in his notice, Skelly told him: "We want men we can rely on to work night and day. You are no good to us."

Curley added that he kept some copied records which were subsequently shown to the Yorkshire Licensing Authority.

Mr. W. Foster, a traffic examiner, said he first visited Gildersome on November 26, 1957, when he went to inspect drivers' records. He was told by the company secretary, then a Mr. Greenwood, that the directors would not allow any records to be taken away, but they could be inspected on the premises.

An appointment was made for

November 28, and on that date the records were produced by Skelly, except those for driver Jones. He visited the company on a number of occasions subsequently, taking notes of drivers' hours and payments. On all these visits the records of certain drivers, including Smith, Jones and Murray, were omitted.

Mr. S. S. Gill, for the company, submitted that there was no evidence to show that the directors and employees of the company had conspired together with the intention of deliberately breaking the law, nor was there any evidence of records being altered to deceive others.

"No Deliberate Plot"

Mr. C. R. Dean, for Skelly, Hickson, Kershaw and Kilvington, said there must be evidence of a deliberate plot before they could be committed for trial. No such plot had been proved by the prosecution. Although there was evidence of the officials permitting drivers to alter records, this was not done with the intention of deceiving the law. It had been done only when drivers had made errors on the records.

Mr. Hurwitz recalled the question of paying drivers. This was done on the basis of clock cards and weekly time sheets, and not on the daily record sheets which were never made out for more than 11 hours. It must have been part of the company's policy deliberately to break the law, he alleged.

The defendants all pleaded "not guilty" and reserved their defence.

RAILWAYS' BASIC TRAFFIC

THE railways' dependence on iron, steel and coal traffic was again stressed by Sir Brian Robertson, chairman of the British Transport Commission, speaking at the annual dinner of the Joint Iron Council in London on Tuesday.



Mr. J. N. RABBIDGE has become a director of Stewart and Ardern, Ltd.

Mr. R. CORBETT, secretary of the Avon India Rubber Co., Ltd., has been appointed to the board.

MR. FRANCIS MURRAY has been appointed deputy general manager of Halifax Transport Department. MR. W. SHAW has become assistant engineer.

MR. A. N. MINNIS has been appointed advertising and publicity officer of the Ulster Transport Authority, following the retirement of MR. E. N. CARROTHERS.

Mr. Derek Newton Baker, Leicester, has been awarded a scholarship of £150 per annum for four years at the College of Technology, Loughborough, by the Institute of the Motor Industry.

MR. L. J. DUNNETT has been appointed a deputy secretary in the Ministry of Transport. He will take charge of inland transport matters, succeeding Mr. P. Faulkner, who is to concentrate on shipping.

MR. ARTHUR GRIFFITHS has been appointed group managing director of Sterling Industries, Ltd. He became director and general manager of F. Perkins, Ltd., in 1948, and eight years later took a similar position with the Daimler Co., Ltd.

MR. JOHN DUGDALE has been appointed the representative in North America of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, and vice-president-executive of the British Automobile Manufacturers' Association, a subsidiary of the S.M.M. and T. in the U.S.A.

MR. N. McCann, secretary of Wolf Electric Tools, Ltd., has been appointed to the board. Mr. R. G. J. Nisbet, general manager, Toronto branch, Mr. J. A. Jackson, works manager, and Mr. W. N. Scottorn, home sales manager, have also joined the board. The appointments follow the recent retirement of Mr. R. F. Hatto, sales director.

BIG ROAD SCHEMES LIKELY TO START SOONER

T is fairly certain that the Minister of Transport will secure his full share of the extra £150m. of investment in the public sector of industry, announced on Monday by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, writes our political correspondent.

How far the new road programme will benefit is not known at the moment. The Chancellor himself, looking forward to an expansion of the economy, remarked that this must be accompanied by an expansion in the sector of public investment—including new roads.

The increases will take effect in the financial year beginning next April. It is thought in Whitehall that starting dates for a few of the larger road schemes will be advanced

The railways, too, will get their share of the extra investment.



Ash Bros. (Pty.), Johannesburg, South Africa, Dennis agents, supplied this Pax II gully-emptier to Standerton Municipality. It has a 1,000 gal. tank and a locally built cab. The 5-litre engine drives through a four-speed gearbox. The vehicle is used in the mining area of Johannesburg.

SUSPENSION UNITS

for the HEAVY VEHICLE

HEAVY-DUTY CONE BUSHES

Accommodating pivotal movements such as those in suspension linkage and spring pivots, these bushes are relatively free torsionally, adding but little to the spring stiffness. They are very stiff axially and radially and support heavy loads.

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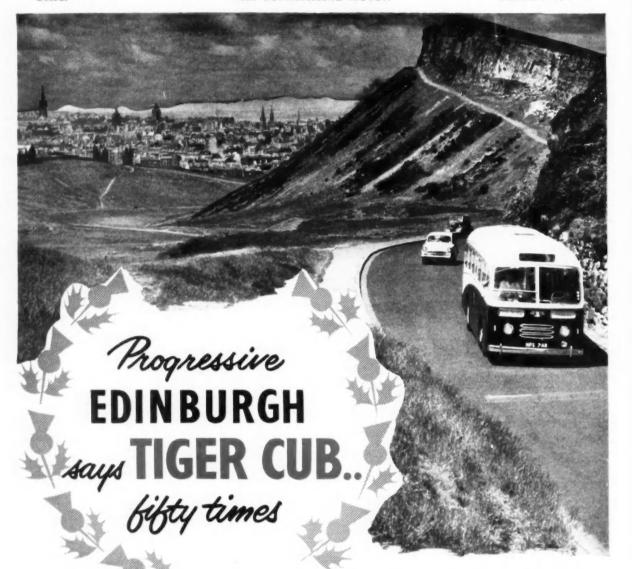
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Taxation Change Causes Loss of 48 Tons of Carrying Capacity

THE grant of a new A licence to McKelvie and Co., Ltd., Barrhead, for four specially adapted steel-carrying articulated vehicles was strongly opposed at the continued hearing at Glasgow on Tuesday. The company sought to replace 48 tons of carrying capacity lost when the taxation authorities reclassified six similarly adapted rigid vehicles and trailers as articulated outfits. The case was heard by Mr. W. F. Quin, Scottish Licensing Authority.

Questioned by Mr. C. E. Jauncey, for the British Transport Commission, Mr. J. McKelvie said that of the 92,380 tons of steel carried by their vehicles in the six months ended June 30 last, 22,030 tons were carried on "rail jankers" (specially adapted vehicles for the carriage of large steel plates). Of this traffic, 90 per cent. of the plates were between 27 ft. and 60 ft. long.

Six rail jankers were among the vehicles taken over by the company from London Scottish Transport, Ltd. They were formerly classified as rigid vehicles and trailers, and were capable of carrying up to 20 tons. Since reclassification as articulated vehicles they were restricted to 12 tons.

Despite a steel recession in Lanarkshire, there had been no decrease in the demand for their vehicles. The loss of 48 tons carrying capacity had seriously embarrassed them and, even if the application were granted, they would still be short of vehicles.

Mr. G. Scott, assistant works manager of the Motherwell Bridge and Engineering Co., Ltd., said they specialized in the construction of oil-storage tanks and prefabricated steel for atomic plants. McKelvie's were their principal contractors and since their vehicles had been restricted to 12 tons, 200 tons of steel plates which should now be on the site

was still at Motherwell Bridge. The bulk of the plates were 25 ft. long or less and were for tanks, but of those for reactors and exchangers, half were 30 ft. and over.

The company had not tried to find another haulier; it was for McKelvie's, as the contractors, to hire.

There was a shortage of suitable vehicles in Lanarkshire for the carriage of long steel girders and other materials.

Mr. W. McLean, traffic manager of Alexander Findlay and Son, Ltd., structural engineers, Motherwell, said they had used rail jankers since before the war for fabricated materials from 35 ft. to 90 ft. long. They were perturbed that it had become difficult to get this type of vehicle from McKelvie's during the past few months and that they were unable to carry as much as formerly.

Jankers were required for half their output. McKelvie's had carried loads up to 90 ft. long by extending the rails. A quotation by British Road Services for this type of work was too high.

Mr. A. Mackenzie, objecting for Gavin Wilkie, Ltd., Glasgow, submitted that many steel concerns were now producing fabricated material. There was no reason why vehicles and long trailers should not be used. Mr. McLean replied that the cost would be prohibitive and they would not give the support required.

Mr. Quin said that the customer was entitled to choose the type of transport required. The applicants had suffered a loss of carrying capacity and their customers had been prejudiced. It was for the objectors to prove that other forms of transport were more suitable and that McKelvie's would gain an advantage if there were a grant.

The hearing was adjourned until next month.

[The earlier hearing was reported in The Commercial Motor on October 17.]

Pay Award Brings Fare Applications

A N application for fare increases which would affect more than 200 services has been made by the West Riding Automobile Co., Ltd. They have asked the Yorkshire Traffic Commissioners to grant increases of up to 1d. on fares between 3d. and 1s.; up to 2d. on those from 1s. 1d. to 2s.; and up to 3d. on fares above 2s.

The company propose to retain the existing 2d. minimum.

Two local authorities—Reading and Newport (Mon)—are also seeking fare increases. At Reading it is proposed that the 2d, minimum should be retained for journeys of up to half a mile, but other 2d, fares should be increased to 3d. Fares of 3d, and over would go up by 1d.

The corporation are to ask for corresponding increases in children's fares, but they will couple this with a request that scholars' permits should be issued to children up to 15 years of age instead of the present 14.

Newport faces a £15,000 increase in the wages bill following the award to bus crews, and the corporation propose to add \dd. for each fare stage.

There will be no application for increases by Burton-on-Trent Corporation, who have to find an extra £4,500.
Ald. T. Osborne, chairman of the transport committee, said traffic had steadily increased over the past few months, and if this trend continued fares could be held steady.

Cardiff Corporation made a profit of £1.645 in the first six months of the present financial year, but Mr. R. L. Davies, City Treasurer, forecast last week that the year's trading would end with a £10,000 deficit. The wage award alone would cost the undertaking £35,000.

Gross profit of Doncaster buses in the 1957-58 financial year was £104,717, compared with £102,327 the previous year, according to figures issued last week.

Hauliers Promise Not

A N undertaking was given by G. and C. Johnson (Claxby), Ltd., at Lincoln, last week, that they would not loan their three livestock containers to an associated company, Johnson's Scunthorpe (1956), Ltd., if the vehicles were transferred from special A licence to A licence.

After receiving this promise, D. E. Langton, Ltd., withdrew an objection to Johnson's request for 10 special A vehicles to be transferred to A licence. Mr. A. R. M. Ellis, East Midland Deputy Licensing Authority, granted the application.

Mr. A. C. G. Rothera, for Johnson's, said their fleet of 14 vehicles was fully employed and during the past year had travelled 504,000 miles to earn £45,000. Hiring amounted to £35,500, of which £12,700 was to their associated company. The vehicles, apart from the livestock containers, were responsible for about 254,000 miles and earnings of £23,200.

A slight increase in unladen weight from 31 tons 11 cwt. to 34 tons 5 cwt. was due to the need to carry grain and fertilizers in bulk, for which high sides had to be fitted. The varied commodities carried were mainly within a radius of 150 miles, but included Bristol, Cardiff, Southampton, North Wales, Newcastle and Glasgow.

A mistake in publication, which suggested that they were seeking two additional cattle containers when, in fact, they were still entitled to three on the special A licences, was probably responsible for the two objections originally received.

Mr. C. Hunter, for D. E. Langton, Ltd., said they would be satisfied if the containers were confined to the Claxby company.

FOUR-YEAR PLAN FOR SCOTTISH ROADS

A LARGE number of new schemes to improve cross-country communications in Scotland is included in a four-year programme of roadworks which has been drafted by the Scottish Home Department.

The largest scheme will be the improvement of the Glasgow-Edinburgh and Perth-Dundee trunk roads, which will both have dual-carriageways. On the Glasgow-Carlisle road it is proposed that dual carriageways should be provided from Glasgow to the English border,

TEESVILLE BUS DISPUTE

A N appeal has been lodged by the Teesside Railless Traction Board against a decision by the Northern Traffic Commissioners refusing them a new service between Eston and Middlesbrough to serve Teesville. A public inquiry will be held at Middlesbrough next Wednesday.

The Board are also appealing against the Commissioners' decision to allow United Automobile Services, Ltd., to vary one bus an hour on the Stockton-Saltburn route. This bus would serve part of the area in dispute.

New Models Have Air Suspension

FROM JOHN F. MOON

TURIN, Tuesday. AIR suspension is a strong feature of the Turin Show, which opens tomorrow and closes on November 16. Pirelli Saga Elipress air springs are fitted at front and rear of two new Fiat passenger chassis. A representative of the company told me that there was a big demand for air suspension for buses, but his company did not intend yet to fit it to goods

Used Duty-free Oil in Lorries: Big Fines

WHILE checking the purchase of oil W made by a gravel company, a Customs and Excise officer discovered that between February and October, 1957, fuel liable to duty had been bought only once, although the concern ran two lorries. This was stated at Whittlesey, Cambs, on Monday, when the Northey Gravel Works Co., Ltd., and a director, Charles Dale, were each fined a total of

The company admitted four charges of using duty-free oil in their vehicles, and Dale-vice-chairman of Whittlesey Urban District Council-pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting.

Mr. P. Cussen, prosecuting, said the company kept a stock of duty-free oil for use in tractors and stationary machines, but no stock for the lorries. After the officer's inspection, Dale was questioned and said drivers were instructed to buy fuel from garages. However, the drivers later stated that they had not bought any

Subsequently, Dale admitted that the vehicles had used duty-free oil for local sand and gravel deliveries and for taking gravel from the pits to the screening plant. He said he had not realized that the lorries were using this fuel on outside deliveries and as soon as it came to his notice he made arrangements for proper fuel to be supplied.

Mr. Cussen added that about 1,300 gallons of duty-free fuel had been consumed during the period, on which duty would have been £162.

Mr. G. Taylor, defending, pointed out that an offer to pay the duty had been rejected because the Commissioners preferred to prosecute. Dale had freely admitted the offences, but the reason behind them was that he had left too much to his employees.

The magistrates imposed fines of £23 on each of the eight charges, with £5 5s.

DOUBLE-DECK COACH FOR RIBBLE

A NEW double-deck coach, accommodating probably 51 passengers in adjustable reclining seats, will be operated experimentally by Ribble Motor Services. Ltd., and W. C. Standerwick, Ltd., on express services next summer. It will be based on a Leyland Atlantean chassis.

It will have ample luggage accommodation and a toilet compartment. There may be even a small kitchen from which light refreshments can be dispensed by a courier.

Fiat tonight announced big reductions in the prices of commercial vehicles-in some cases as much as £175

One of the highlights of the Show is a new Isotta Fraschini underfloor-engined coach with air springs and an automatic gearbox. There is also a new Isotta Fraschini lorry.

Macchi are now offering German Büssing air springs, as seen at the Frankfurt Show last year.

Firestone air springs are combined with normal semi-elliptics, in which air bags act as the rear swinging shackles, in two new Bartoletti trailers.

Viberti have a new 4 x 4 dumper of about 8-cu.-yd. capacity. Not all the exhibits have yet arrived, but Viberti models with Ceat air springs are expected. Lancia also have a 4 x 4 with a horizontal petrol engine.

An outstanding O.M. model is a bus with a rear-mounted supercharged oil engine. The supercharger can be brought into use while the vehicle is moving.

The Show will be fully reported and illustrated in next week's issue,

7s. WAGE OFFER ACCEPTED

On the recommendation of the Transport and General Workers' Union and the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, delegates of municipal busmen on Wednesday accepted the employers' offer of a wage increase of 7s, a week.

DEATH OF MR. L. C. KITSON

WE regret to announce the death of MR. L. C. KITSON, director of Glover, Webb and Liversidge, Ltd., and managing director of Regal Garage (Old Kent Road), Ltd. He was 64.

New Semi-trailer Uses Cary Laminaire Springs

DREVIOUSLY engaged in the production of light trailers, Boden Trailers. Ltd., Royton, Oldham, have now entered the heavy semi-trailer field with a 12-ton platform model. It incorporates the Cary Laminaire system of progressive leaf-spring suspension. This is thought to be the first production use of this design.

The main leaf spring which carries the cambered tubular axle bears at its rear end on a short additional leaf spring. Only the tips of the springs touch when the trailer is unladen, but as the load is added they tend to lie flat against each other, shortening the effective length of the main spring and thus stiffening the suspension.

The 12-ton semi-trailer has 12-in.-deep pressed-steel chassis side members, 7-in. deep pressed rave rails, vertical-screw oilbaths landing gear and 151-in.-diameter brake drums with 6-in.-wide facings. Tyres are 9.00-20-in. 12-ply.

A 14-tonner of similar design will follow shortly and a complete range of semi-trailers with capacities from 10-20 tons is planned.

TROLLEYBUS PLAN REJECTED

PROPOSALS drawn up by Portsmouth 1 Transport Department's general manager, Mr. H. C. Simmonds, for starting the withdrawal of trolleybuses in favour of motorbuses, were rejected by the transport committee last week.

He pointed out in a report that overhauls of trolleybuses between 1959 and 1965 would cost £114,000, and expenditure on overhead equipment and standards might cost up to £124,000.

GLASGOW SAFETY MOVE

GLASGOW is to nave a tun disconnect last safety officer, it was announced last LASGOW is to have a full-time road week. Cllr. T. Kay said Mr. George Kerr, of the Town Clerk's department. had been appointed to the post and would take up his duties on December 1. It was hoped that this move would help to reduce the number of accidents in the

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Firestone in Portugal: A tyre factory is under construction near Lisbon for the Firestone Tyre and Rubber Co., Ltd. Production is due to begin late in 1959.

Trojan to Merge?: Discussions are proceed-

ing with a view to merging the interests of Lambretta Concessionaires, Ltd., London, S.W.20, and Trojan (Holdings), Ltd., of Croydon

Croydon.

"C.M." Index: The index to Volume 107 of The Commercial Motor, February-July. 1958, is obtainable from Temple Press Limited, Bowling Green Lane, London, E.C.1, at 4d. including postage.

New H.P. Offices: The North Central Wagon and Finance Co., Ltd., opened a new branch office at 12 Park Road, Peterborough, on Monday. Another office, at 37 Murray Road, Workington, is to be opened on November 10. Road, Workin November 10.

£45m. Debt: At the middle of this year, state the Treasury, the total debt on hire-purchase and other forms of instalment credit for commercial vehicles totalled £45m. only £5m. less than the sum in respect of

Manchester Move: The Manchester branch of Advance Motor Supplies, Ltd., is now at 52 Whitworth Street, Manchester, 1. Railway Report: The Minister of Transport

said last week that an investigation into the prospects of railway goods services was nearly completed, and the findings would be announced shortly.

Sidney Holes Address: The address of Sidney Holes Electric Vehicles, given on October 24 as Station Road, Hailsham, Sussex, should have been Withdean Works, London Road, Withdean, Brighton, 6.

Twiflex Couplings: An agreement has been concluded between Twiflex Couplings, Ltd., and Zahnsadfabrik Renk AB, Augsburg, Germany, whereby the German company will manufacture the complete range of Twiflex automatic clutch and flexible couplings.

Cummins Progress: For the past six years more than 50 per cent, of all oil-engined more than 50 per cent. of all oil-engined trucks registered in the United States have been powered by Cummins engines. The company's target for 1958 is 58 per cent.. said Mr. R. E. Huthsteiner, president, in said Mr. I New York.



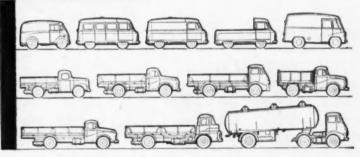
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"London Buses Are on the Way Out"

THE days of the London bus are numbered, according to Mr. Alexander Samuels, chairman of the London and Home Counties Traffic Advisory Committee.

He says: "As more people can afford cars, buses lose passengers and become uneconomic.

"There is a parallel here with the ousting of public baths by private bathrooms; the cinema by television. Public transport in London may have no future. The underground is an economic user, but the bus is certainly on the way out."

Mr. Samuels believes that new roads will have to be built, but urges that the present character of London should not be destroyed to make way for them.

AUSTRALIAN ATTACK ON BRITISH MARKET

PLANS by Repco, Ltd., Melbourne, Australia, to compete in Britain in the supply of transport service equipment were outlined exclusively to *The Commercial Motor* on Tuesday. The company's range of appliances, which includes crankshaft grinders, oil-engine injection service equipment, valve grinders and small tools, such as torque wrenches, is produced against a home background of high labour costs in the vehicle-maintenance trades, and it is thought that special design features incorporated to reduce these charges will appeal to British operators.

Repco, with a capital of £7½m., also produce components, including clutch centres, pistons and rings and transmission shafts and joints, for vehicles made in Australia, and as replacements for British, American and Continental models. World-wide export business rose by 24 per cent. during the past year.

The company's London office is at 59 St. James's Street, W.I.

"Dodgem" Gear Classed As Indivisible Load

THE "dodgem" equipment carried on a trailer by a fairground showman was classed by Nottingham magistrates, last week, as an "indivisible load of exceptional length." They dismissed a summons against Arthur Armstrong, Coalville, Leics, for towing a trailer more than 22 ft. long.

P.C. Shirley said he measured the trailer and found it was 24 ft. long, which contravened the Construction and Use Regulations. The "dodgem" equipment was only 20 ft. 7 in. long.

In evidence, Armstrong claimed that the equipment was, in fact, 23 ft. 6 in. long, and it would have been unsafe to divide it into small pieces for transportation. On his behalf, Mr. J. Deave pointed out that the regulations did not apply to trailers carrying indivisible loads of exceptional length.

The magistrates accepted this submission, but imposed fines totalling £9 on Armstrong for having inefficient brakes.

ANOTHER MOTORWAY EXPRESS?

A N express licence linking London and Manchester via the new motorway may be sought by the North Western Road Car Co., Ltd., Mr. G. Brook, general manager, said they were actively considering this move. The Birmingham and Midland Motor Omnibus Co., Ltd., have already asked for a Birmingham-London licence via the motorway.

"TACKLE STRIKE PROBLEM"

EVENTS of the past year gave encouragement for the future, but it was important to solve the problem presented by the unofficial strikes which had bogged down some of our important industries. This was stated by Mr. John Oldham, chairman and joint managing director of Oldham and Son, Ltd., in London last week, at the company's Motor Show dinner.



Cement being unloaded under pressure from a Leyland Beaver and tanker-trailer at a central receiving station near Oslo's harbour,

Authority Hears of Special-A Deal

A DEAL involving a special A licence was described to the East Midland Deputy Licensing Authority, Mr. A. R. M. Ellis, last week. He was told that Mr. T. H. Creasy, Boston, bought a vehicle last February believing it to be covered by a special A licence held by Mr. S. L. Harness.

However, Mr. Harness did not own the vehicle concerned—he had a special A licence for another vehicle and later applied for this to be deleted in favour of Mr. Creasy's lorry. In July, Mr. Harness' licence was revoked because he had made a false statement in an effort to secure this variation.

At last week's hearing, Mr. Creasy asked for an A licence. He explained that he had operated his vehicle until being prosecuted for not having a licence. When he told Boston magistrates the facts they granted him a conditional discharge, and then the Licensing Authority allowed him a short-term A licence until a substantive application could be made.

Mr. D. Brown, for Mr. Creasy, said this hearing was originally fixed for September, but had to be adjourned with the serious consequence that now it was the middle of the sugar beet season and witnesses were unable to get away. The only evidence available, apart from that of Mr. Creasy, was two letters.

Mr. Ellis pointed out that, whilst he had every sympathy with the applicant, A licences could not be granted without evidence.

Mr. Pratley, for the objectors, submitted that they would not oppose an adjournment. Mr. Harness had appealed against the revocation decision, and that had still to be heard. Two licences could not be granted to replace one, so the case should not be re-listed until the appeal had been settled.

Granting a short-term licence for three months, Mr. Ellis said it would be entirely without prejudice to the substantive hearing.

PEAK IN BULK CEMENT DELIVERY

DURING September, October and November, bulk cement delivery in Norway is running at its peak before mid-winter puts an effective brake on operations. During October, for example, Christiana Portland Cementfabric, of Slemmestad, hauled 16,000 metric tons to producers of ready-mixed concrete, industrial and housing sites and dambuilding projects, in and around Oslo.

Although the average distance travelled by the tankers is just over 20 miles, the 11 Leyland Beavers and seven Comets all cover 40,000 miles annually. The pressurized tanks of the Beavers have a capacity of 7 tons, and the Comets 6½ tons. In addition, the Beavers haul a 5½-ton single-axled trailer-tanker.

During the peak season, the fleet works round the clock, in three shifts. Routine servicing and maintenance up to heavy docking are undertaken by the company's transport department, making full use of the unit-replacement system.

Commissioners Warn **Bus Operators**

WHEN the North Western Traffic Commissioners continued hearing a works service application by Eagle Motors, Huyton, last week, they were told that one of the objectors, Ribble Motors Services, Ltd., had decided to improve their own facilities for workers. Eagle Motors were seeking a short-term licence for a service between Liverpool and three glass works at St. Helens (The Commercial Motor, October 24).

Four people employed at the works gave evidence of their transport problems and said it was particularly difficult to reach the works in time for the 7 a.m. shift because Ribble did not operate early enough. All existing Sunday services were inadequate, they claimed.

Mr. G. Dawes, a Ribble traffic assistant, replied that Ribble were now applying for an earlier service and for extra Sunday facilities. This application had been put in since the beginning of the case and would remedy any defects in their operations.

pointed out that Ribble had provided frequent services between Liverpool and St. Helens for 30 years, and there seemed no reason why Eagle Motors should run special services on the route. Recently there had been a sharp decline in traffic.

Mr. S. Heath, of St. Helens Corporation, said that three years ago the corporation were asked about transport by the glass factories but the matter did not go any further.

For British Railways, Mr. T. Booth submitted that the application was unnecessary because a half-hourly diesel service was to be inaugurated shortly between Liverpool and St. Helens. How-ever, this was described as a "pious hope" by Mr. E. A. Whitehead, for Eagle Motors.

Reserving decision on Eagle Motors' application and the application by Ribble, Mr. F. Williamson, chairman, warned Eagle Motors to be careful not to operate in future without a licence.

NEW SOUTH AFRICAN INTERESTS

ALL the share capital of Eugene Lauf (Pty.), Ltd., and Lumenite (Pty.), Ltd., two South African manufacturers of pistons and cylinder liners, has been acquired by the Associated Engineering organization

More than 90 per cent, of the holders of the capital of Engineered Replacements Holdings, a South African distributor of engine components, have accepted an offer from Associated Engineering for their shares.

WARD ACQUIRE ROOTES DEALERS

THE share capital of E. H. Pickford and Co., Rootes main dealers, Sheffield, has been acquired by Thomas W. Ward, Ltd. Mr. H. W. Secker, Ward's chairman and managing director, and Mr. R. Askham, a director of the Deighton Motor Co., Ltd., have joined the board. Pickfords will continue under existing arrangements.

Still Trying to Set Up Rates Schedule

COLLOWING a meeting of their rates sub-committee on Wednesday, the long-distance hauliers' committee of the Road Haulage Association vesterday received a report on the sub-committee's efforts to try to establish recommended tonnage rates based partly on mileage between certain points. The work has been in progress for some time.

Reports were also received from members on arrangements that they had made to recognize extra effort by drivers under the general 30 m.p.h. speed limit. Some time ago the R.H.A. promised to give the unions evidence of such arrangements where it was found that the increase in the speed limit on heavy goods vehicles from 20 m.p.h. to 30 m.p.h. had increased the turnover of

Another report was on progress made in the preparation of the new edition of the directory of long-distance hauliers.

MORE PROGRESS ON GREAT NORTH ROAD

RAFFIC was flowing this week on two further lengths of twin carriageway on the Great North Road. Buckden railway bridge and Ellington Brook, Hunts, work started in February and has been completed three months ahead of schedule. This stretch of road is 2½ miles long and cost £175,000.

The second section, between Astwick Turn and Newspring Cottages, Beds, is 21 miles long and cost £100,000. It is expected that another five miles of twin carriageway road will be completed by the middle of this month, bringing the total to 48 miles.

"Hauliers Can Defeat Labour's Plans"

VEN if Labour won the next election, E VEN if Labour won the next cleaning the Road Haulage Association could defeat their road transport policy, according to Mr. J. Walsh, chairman of the R.H.A.'s Dudley sub-area. At a ladies' night last week he forecast difficult days ahead for the industry, especially with the threat of renationalization.

The best way to combat this, he declared, was for members to give their help and support to the Association.

Mr. A. R. Butt, West Midland Area chairman, said they had been repeatedly told that if there were a change in government, hauliers would be pushed out of business. It was a possibility they had to face, and one which must be fought with every means at their disposal.

"BARDIC FERRY" MAKES FIRST TRIP FROM ANTWERP

'HE latest addition to the Transport THE latest addition to the Ferry Service's fleet, m.v. "Bardic Ferry", docked at Tilbury on Tuesday after her first voyage from Antwerp. The vessel was transferred from the Preston-Larne service because of increasing demands for Continental "drive-on, drive-off" facilities.

The "Bardic Ferry" will make three voyages a week in each direction. She can carry 90 vehicles and 55 passengers at 14 knots. In the past two years the volume of traffic had increased threefold.

NEW B.R. ROAD DEPOT

NEW maintenance depot which will A NEW maintenance depot which are heart of the whole of the Scottish road fleet of British Railways has been brought into operation in Glasgow. It is adjacent to Eglinton Street Station and has a two-storey office block and a large workshop.

New Transport Companies

Mayday Hauliage Co., Ltd. Cap. 23,000. Dirs.: Thomas W. Mason and Sarah E. Mason, Westlands, Bosley, near Macclesfield, Ches., and Ronald F. Day, Basford Bridge Farm, Cheddleton, near Leck. Staffs. Sec.: R. F. Day. Reg. office: Basford Bridge Farm, Cheddleton, sear Leck. S. and M. Street's Transport, Ltd. Cap. £500. Dirs.: Mrs. Sylvie Street, Orchards, Kilve, Somerset, and Michael C. W. Street, 42 South Road, Watchet, Somerset. Sec.: Florence E. Willicombe. Reg. Glice: South Road, Watchet, Somerset. Sec.: Florence E. Willicombe. Reg. Glice: South Road, Watchet, Hartz Transport, Ltd. Cap. £100. Dirs.: Solomon Hartz and Mrs. Kity Hartz, Flat 43, 4 Grand Avenue, Hove, and Michael Hartz, Flat 41, 4 Grand Avenue, Hove. Sec.: M. Hartz. Reg. office: 7 Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W.1. Felton Transport, Ltd. Cap. £3,000. Dirs.: Cuthbert Sowter Shutt, Woodburn, West Thirston, Northumberland. Sec.: C. Sowter Shutt. Reg. office: Western Lodge, Little Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Northmore Michael Cap. St. Cap. E100. Dirs.: Terence A. Johnsey, Ltd. Cap. E100. Dirs.: Terence A. Johnsey and Mrs. Margaret T. Johnsey. Z. Walsall Street, Newport. Mon. Sec. Margaret T. Johnsey. Reg. office: 2 Walsall Street, Newport. Johnsey. Reg. office: 2 Walsall Street, Newport. St. Lind. Cap. E10.000. Dirs.: 1404. age. Ltd. Cap. E10.000. Dirs.: 1404. St. Aberford Road

Johnsey, Reg. office: 2 Walsall Street, Newport.

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Fred Wood and Dori's Wood, 80 Aberford Road, Stanley, near Wakefield: Malcolm Wood, Dandy Mill, Knottingley Road, Pontefract: Cyril Woodfine and Alfred N. Leonard. Sec.; C. Woodfine. Reg. office: 80 Aberford Road, Stanley, near Wakefield.

G. Simms and Co. (Hucknall), Ltd. Cap. £3,500. Dirs.; Robert E. Paulson and Jean A. Baxter, 335 Valley Road, Nottingham, and Gordon Simms, 14 Byron Street, Hucknall, Notts. Sec.; Jean A. Baxter. Reg. office: 335 Valley Road, Nottingham.

F. R. Coombes and Co., Ltd. Cap. £1,000. Dirs.; Frederick R. Coombes, 36 Wash Lane, Ravenstone, Leicester, and Isy L. Coombes, 3 Coalville Lane, Ravenstone, Leicester, and Isy L. Coombes, 3 Coalville Lane, Ravenstone, Leicester. Sec.; Isy L. Coombes. Reg. office: 175 Horninglow Street, Burton-on-Trent.

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Ridlake, Ltd. Cap. £100. Subs.; Jean Herbert and Thomas A. Herbert. 156 Strand, London, W.C.2. Sec. T. A. Herbert. Henry C. G. Shell, Ltd. Cap. £1,000. Dirs.; Cyril S. Lawson and Mrs. Emmic M. Lawson, 640 Hertford Road, Enfield, Middx. Sec.; Cyril S. Lawson, Reg. office: 35 Grove Road, Enfield. E. W. Edgson (Wholesalet), Ltd. Cap. £7,500. Dirs.; Ronald E. Bird and Mrs. Joan Bird, Pardoes Farm, Sytchampton, Stourport-on-Severn; William Davids and Mrs. Lean I. David. 705 Aylestone Road,

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Winn (Sportsman Coaches), Ltd. Cap. £1,000. Dirs.: John R. Winn, 96 Lyme Cross Road. Huyton; Gifford Lloyd. 98 Peterborough Drive, Netherton, near Liverpool, and Richard C. Jones. 39 Windy Arbor Road. Whiston, near Prescot. See; Norma M. Jones. Reg. office: 6 Cross Lane, Whiston. Harper and Myfrea, Ltd. Cap. £5,000. Dirs.: Reginald G. Harper, 16 Heath Drive, Upton, Ches.: John B. Harper, 25 Bryanson Road, Preston, and William Myfrea, 1 Castlesite Road. Liverpool, 21. See; J. B. Harper, Reg. office: 20 Chapel Street, Liverpool, 3. Ladecra Transport, Ltd. Cap. £100. Subs.: Jean Herbert and Thomas A. Herbert, 156 Strand, London, W.C.2. See.: T. A. Herbert

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Take-over of Coach Licence Opposed

A^N application by Smiths Luxury Coaches (Reading), Ltd., to take over an excursion and tours licence held by Mrs. Laura Townsend, Crowthorne, near Wokingham, was adjourned by the South Eastern Traffic Commissioners, last week, following an objection by Brimblecombe Bros., Wokingham.

For Smiths, Mr. A. G. Goodeve-Docker said Mrs. Townsend received the licence when her husband died in July, 1956. She had sold the business to Smiths, conditional upon the licence being

transferred.

For Brimblecombe Bros., Mr. J. May submitted that the licence had not been operated effectively for two years, and it was not in the public interest that a transfer should take place. Brimblecombe Bros. were licensed to pick up passengers at Crowthorne, but there was little business. The only result of a transfer would be loss of revenue to them.

Mr. Goodeve-Docker replied that Brimblecombe Bros. should not say competition was unfair just because they were afraid of it or did not like it. That

was a cry of panic.

The Commissioners were told that in 1956 Townsend's coaches operated 4,894 passenger journeys. In 1957 the figure dropped to 441, and this year it was 416. They adjourned the case for further figures to be produced.

STANDARDS FOR FORK TRUCKS

CODE of recommended practice for A code of recommended practice the stability the measurement of the stability factors of fork-lift trucks has been established by the industrial-truck section of the Federation of European Manufacturers. This was done at a conference in Ostend. The code was also agreed to by a delegate from the Industrial Truck Association of America.

The section also discussed the standardization of driving controls, voltages for of lift

battery-electrics, the design carriages (to permit the fitting of various types of apparatus), and tyres. Production and sales figures may be interchanged among manufac-

The next meeting of the section will be held next spring in Paris.

These Thames 5-cwt. vans are being placed on ship for export to Los Angeles, California, for the Singer Sewing Machine Co. The company use this type of vehicle in Britain and many other parts of the world. The shipment was of 50 vans, representing an initial American order for consignment to eight destinations in the U.S.A.

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John I, Thornycroft and Co., Ltd., £208,901 profit.
ear's dividends Tb2 per cent.
Shelvoke and Drewry, Ltd., £98,145 profit before
52,321 tax. Year's dividends 15 per cent.
Standard Motor Co., Ltd., £1,003,582 net profit
fer £1,321,449 tax. Year's dividends 12 per cent.
Crompton Parkinson, Ltd., £1,112,429 net profit
fier £1,527,380 tax. Year's dividends 12 per cent.
Vokes, Ltd., £149,599 net profit after £307,237
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Smith's Stamping Works (Coventry), Ltd., an bisidiary, £185,456 group net profit after £213,26 x. Year's dividends 12½ per cent.

Farming Association Fined Over Hours

A CHECK on the records of drivers working for West Breconshire Farmers' Association, Ltd., brought to light 225 hours' offences, it was stated at Brecon last week. The Association were fined a total of £147 16s., and fines amounting to a similar total were imposed on 10 drivers.

The hearing lasted three days, and a special court had to be held because the Association's secretary, Samuel Morgan, who had to answer the charges, is chair-

man of Brecon magistrates.

For the prosecution, Mr. W. Tillyard said drivers had consistently worked excessive hours with insufficient rest periods. The records, which had been examined by a senior traffic inspector, proved this.

Mr. H. Llewellyn, defending, pleaded that the offences were purely technical. It was unfortunate that the Ministry of Transport had inspected records during the Association's busiest period. They were bound to fulfil their obligations to customers.

The Association were ordered to pay £26 15s. advocate's fee.

COACH COMPANY WOUND UP

N order for the compulsory winding A n order for the compensation of Wembley Coaches, Ltd., Clarendon Road, Harrow, Middx, was made in the Chancery Division, on Monday, by Mr. Justice Vaisey, on a petition presented by Judgment creditors for £412

"Ludierous" Limit on Football Service

FOOTBALL supporters at Bracknell, Berks, may travel to Reading F.C. away games on vehicles operated by Smiths Luxury Coaches (Reading), Ltd., but for home matches they have to use other facilities. Pointing this out to the South Eastern Traffic Commissioners last week, Mr. A. G. Goodeve-Docker, for Smiths, said the position was ludicrous.

He explained that Smiths held an excursion and tours licence from Binfield. with a picking-up point at Bracknell, which entitled them to carry passengers to away football fixtures. However, when Reading F.C. played at home Bracknell was excluded as a picking-up point, and the company wanted this restriction removed.

The Commissioners upheld objections by Brimblecombe Bros., Wokingham, and British Railways, both of whom claimed that existing facilities were adequate.

Brimblecombe Bros. also opposed Smiths' request for tours to Gatwick Airport from Reading, pointing out that they had lodged a similar application. Commissioners made the grant to Smiths, but restricted the vehicle allowance to two instead of the six asked for.

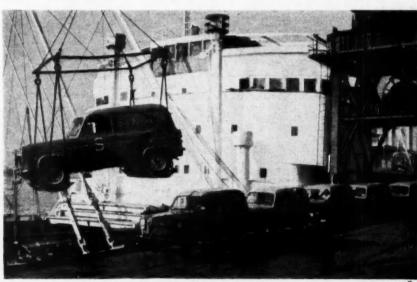
There were no objections to Smiths' application for tours to Sandbanks and for football excursions to Colchester, Nottingham, Mansfield and Newport (Mon). These were granted.

OBITUARY

WE regret to record the deaths of MR. C. H. ROWLEY and LT.-COL. SIDNEY EDWIN THOMAS.

Mr. Rowley joined the Austin Motor Co., Ltd., in 1911 and became service technical manager in 1947. Six years later he was appointed deputy general manager of the service department, and in 1956 he became sales manager of the fleet division. He was 64.

Lt.-Col. Thomas founded S. E. Thomas and Sons, Ltd., hauliers, Aylesford, Kent,



B.T.C. Follow Up Plea to Tribunal

THE renewal of a two-vehicle A licence held by Mr. P. A. Thorne, Eastville, Bristol, was strongly opposed, last week, by the British Transport Commission. One of the vehicles was added to the licence last December, and in June a B.T.C. appeal against this was rejected by the Transport Tribunal.

The Tribunal stipulated, however, that an automatic renewal should not be granted by Mr. S. W. Nelson, Western Licensing Authority. He had allowed the words " general goods " to be included in the normal user of the addition, which was a description to be deplored, but the situation had been improved by adding: "Mainly feeding stuffs, machinery and lead any distance, normally 150 miles.

They ordered that full evidence should be produced as to the places visited by the additional vehicle in a year.

At last week's hearing, Mr. Thorne was questioned about his figures by Mr. R. Crowe, for the B.T.C. He said he remembered an undertaking being given that 50 per cent, of the work would be removals, and the remainder would be carried out for Fry's Metal Foundries. He agreed that since the grant nothing had been earned for removals and Fry's had moved from Bristol to Kidderminster.

Mr. Crow: Did you know this [Fry's movel was going to take place?

Mr. Thorne: It was rumoured.

Mr. Crowe: Why didn't Mr. Carey, who gave evidence for the foundry, inform the Licensing Authority?

Mr. Thorne: I suppose it was because he was not sure. In any case, it was my son who gave evidence last time.

After Mr. Crowe had suggested that Mr. Thorne's son should again give evidence, Mr. T. D. Corpe, for the applicant, demanded: "What else do you

Mr. Crowe replied that he wanted details produced in accordance with the Tribunal's ruling.

Mr. Thorne had requested a common normal user for the two vehicles-12 named traffics in England, Scotland and Wales. His application was adjourned sine die, leaving him free to operate until a decision to the contrary was given.

MUNICIPAL OPPORTUNITIES

Hartlepool Corporation are to buy an S.D. refuse

Durham County Council are to buy two Commer

Sunderland Rural District Council require a

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Middlesex Supplies Committee seek tenders for the supply of a Bedford utility.

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St. Marylebone Works Committee propose to buy Karrier B. ntam from Rootes, Ltd.

Notlinghamshire County Council are to purchase three lorries and a Bedford-Lacre sweeper.

Northampton Transport Committee seek tenders the supply of a B.M.C. personnel carrier. Stockport Corporation are recommended to der a 3-ton tipper from the Stockport Motor

House, Ltd.

Cardiff City Council are recommended to buy seven S.D. refuse collectors and a Dennis gully-cesspool emptier.

nethwick Works Committee propose to order lorris 4-ton van from E. E. Brown and Co.

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Abertillery Urhan District Council are to buy Karrier Bantam and a Gamecock refuse collector, nd a Bantam lorry.

Newport (Mon) Borough Council are recommended to order a gully-emptier from Jones (export Garage, Ltd.

Glasgow Fire Brigade Committee wish to obtain dual-purpose fire appliance and a turntable sider. The lighting committee propose to replace to tower wagons.

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Acerington Corporation are to buy a Dennis gully-emptier, also a Bedford-Homalloy tipper from Taylor Bros. (Acerington), Ltd. The transport committee seek tenders for the supply of four double-decker chassis.

Special Bedfords for London Show

AT an exhibition of municipal vehicles to be held all next week in the Shaw and Kilburn showrooms. Berkeley Square, London, W.I. Bedfords are showing three special-bodied vehicles for the first time.

They are a 7-ton tipper with a heated body for roadstone, a 7-cu.-yd. refuse collector on a 2-ton chassis and a road sweeper. The tipping body, built by Harry Dando, Chipping Sodbury, is of double-skin construction, insulated with glass-fibre. Oil-filled heating coils are located in the floor, the heat being provided by a generator driven off the propeller shaft. A heat-exchange unit is embodied in the oil system.

The temperature of heated roadstone can be maintained at 260° F. while running. When stationary, the temperature can be held by mains current.

The refuse collector has an Eagle body with a loading height of 4 ft. 21 in. The road sweeper is built by Lacre Lorries and can be supplied with full-width brush.

Other exhibits will include ambulance bodies by Herbert Lomas, an Eagle Compressmore 12-20-cu.-yd, refuse body on a 6-ton forward-control chassis with sixman cab, a 3-ton short-wheelbase chassis and cab, and a Martin Walter Utilabrake.

MORE 40 M.P.H. ROADS IN LONDON NEXT YEAR

MORE lengths of road in the London Traffic Area are to have 40 m.p.h. restrictions, following a report to the Minister of Transport by the London and Home Counties Traffic Advisory Committee. This move, affecting 24 miles of road, will be the second stage of the general 40 m.p.h. speed limit experiment in London-the first stage came into operation last March.

Eighteen of the 24 miles are at present covered by a 30 m.p.h. limit, and the remainder is unrestricted. The new regulations will come into operation on February 14, and a month later the Minister will probably begin a report for Parliament aimed at extending the 40 m.p.h. scheme to places where similar conditions exist outside London.

Vehicle Deleted: Now Wanted Back

SEVEN months after having a vehicle deleted because it was not in use, W. R. and H. Cross, Great Barr, Birmingham, applied last week to have it restored to their A licence. Mr. W. P. James, West Midland Licensing Authority, adjourned the case for further

Mr. Foley Egginton, for Cross, said the present licence for one vehicle was granted in June with a normal user of: Castings, bricks, pumps, heating and constructional equipment, Midlands. Liverpool, London and Birkenhead."

They now sought a second vehicle for: "Steel products for G.K.N. Reinforcements, Ltd., Smethwick, as required, and sawn timber for M. W. Nicholas, Hands-worth, within 50 miles." Notice had only just been received that a witness for G.K.N. was unable to attend.

Mrs. W. R. Cross, a partner, crossexamined by Mr. R. A. Webb, for the British Transport Commission, agreed that, following the removal of two vehicles from their licence in January, the

new licence for one vehicle was granted in June. The figures were not good because work had sometimes been slack. G.K.N. had promised to keep a second vehicle employed almost permanently.

Mr. Webb pointed out that the sole witness present could offer work on only one day a week, and it appeared that the present vehicle could do more.

Adjourning the application. Mr. James said much confusion had been caused in the past by the fact that Mrs. Cross' husband owned vehicles apart from the partnership, although all were used as one fleet. An undertaking to put them all in the partnership name had not been implemented.

At the next hearing he would require not only a witness from G.K.N., but evidence of the extent to which the present vehicle had been idle during the past four months. If the evidence were to be that the second vehicle would work full-time for only two concerns, consideration should be given to applying for a B licence.

UNIT EXCHANGE IN AFRICA

A N exchange scheme for worn major units has been introduced in South Africa by Leyland Albion (Africa), Ltd., and throughout the Central African Federation by Leyland Albion (Central Africa). Ltd. The scheme follows the pattern employed in Britain by the Leyland service organization

The arrangement covers the supply of re-manufactured units, tested and guaranteed, and particularly of engines, gearboxes. differential assemblies. injectors, pumps and electrical equipment. The service is available in 14 towns in the Union and six in the Federation. The Elandsfontein depot is already handling some 30 reconditioned engines per month and major repairs can be completed in a few hours.

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Vehicles Using Duty-free Oils Can be Seized, Judge Holds

A VEHICLE being run illegally on fuel on which no duty has been paid is liable to seizure by the Customs and Excise—and it can be recovered only by paying its value to the authorities. This fact was brought out in the Queen's Bench Division, last week, when the Lord Chief Justice dismissed an action by a fleet operator, Jack Bradley (Accrington), Ltd., Argyle Street, Accrington.

Collapsible Tanks Catch On in U.S.A.

A NEW 35-ft.-long tank made of rubber-coated rayon, with an outer surface of neoprene, for carrying 3,800 gal. of liquid, can be rolled up to occupy a space 7 ft. 4 in. long by 2 ft. 1 in. in diameter. It is finding wide employment in the U.S.A.

When filled, the tank is 4 ft. 8 in. in diameter and its unladen weight is 1,040 lb. The ends are sealed with metal closures. Larger tanks may be made for railway and waterway transport.

Enabling platform vehicles to be used to carry bulk liquids on outward runs and ordinary load on return, the 3,800-gal. tank is 35 ft. long.

Among the road users, the Mutrie Corporation, Waltham, Mass., carry liquid alum in the tanks to paper mills, employing ordinary lorries which return with the empty tanks and loads of paper or timber.

The Industrial Molasses Corporation, Leonia, N.J., formerly employing conventional metal tanks, found it economical to distribute molasses only within 150 miles of depots. Now the distribution radius has been doubled, as the economy of operation has been enhanced by the ability to carry grain or cattle on return journeys.

2.9m. TONS OF PETROL USED

IN the first half of this year, 2.9m. tons of petrol were delivered to dealers, and of this quantity two-thirds comprised premium grades. The total amount was 86 per cent, above the figure for 1948. Commercial operators have been consuming less petrol each year since 1955, and in the first half of this year used about a third as much petrol as private motorists did.

Consumption of oil fuel has doubled between 1950 and 1958 to an annual rate of 2m. tons, state the Treasury.

MORE PAY IN N.A.A.F.I.

A DULT men covered by the transport agreement between the N.A.A.F.I. and the Transport and General Workers' Union have been awarded a pay increase of 8s. a week. Women receive 6s. 6d. Subsistence allowance has also been missed.

Customs and Excise officials had seized seven oil-engined vehicles owned by the company, and had released them only on payment of the agreed value, £4,250. The company challenged the legality of this action, but judgment with costs was given against them. Judgment was also given against Mr. Egbert Bradley, Whalley Road. Pendleton, Clitheroe, who brought a similar action in respect of one vehicle.

Lord Parker said the lorries had been found with tanks containing kerosene mixed with derv, and duty had not been paid on the kerosene. If kerosene were



used in stationary engines or for domestic purposes it could be obtained duty-free, but duty had to be paid if it were used in moving engines.

The 1952 Customs and Excise Act laid down that vehicles could be seized if they carried anything liable to forfeiture. In this case the vehicles had carried oil which was liable to forfeiture, so their scizure by the authorities was in order.

Earlier, Mr. Roger Winn, for the Customs and Excise, had said Bradley's vehicles were released immediately £4,250 had been deposited with the Commissioners.

END OF TRIBUNAL

NO dispute will be referred to the Industrial Disputes Tribunal after December 10. That body will cease to exist after March 1 next year.

Only Three Coaches May Serve Bakewell Show

A PPLYING for seven new excursions from Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbys, Eric Bowers Coaches, Ltd., found opposition to only one when they appeared before the North Western Traffic Commissioners last week. Their request for a link with Bakewell was opposed by British Railways; Trent Motor Traction Co., Ltd., and North Western Road Car Co., Ltd. All the objectors were concerned about traffic to the Bakewell Show, held every August.

Mr. H. Backhouse, for Bowers', said they wanted the period of operation for all the excursions to extend from April to October, although the Bakewell service would operate only at show time. The coach would go to the show and stay there all day to be used as a headquarters by passengers. At present, all the routes to Bakewell involved changes.

Mr. E. W. Bowers, managing director, said there had been many requests from the local farming population for facilities at the time of the show, and in the past he had operated on a private-hire system with two coaches for farming organizations. Two booking agents supported the evidence of demand.

Mr. T. Booth, for the railways, said it was odd that no figures had been produced and no farmers had given evidence. For North Western and Trent, Mr. J. Green asked for an assurance that no coaches would double back once they reached Bakewell.

Mr. F. Williamson, chairman, suggested that a condition could be added to the licence stipulating that only three vehicles should be operated to the show. This was agreed upon, and the excursion application was granted. Bowers' were also allowed to increase fares and to change their starting point.

SIX BIG LONDON ROAD WORKS

S1X schemes, each costing more than £500,000, for improving roads in London between next year and 1962, were announced last week by London County Council. Seven minor schemes, each costing less than £500,000, will also be put in hand.

Major works consist of a new road with a fly-over between Harrow Road and Marylebone Road, the widening of Finchley Road, the extension of Western Avenue from Wood Lane to Latimer Road, and improvements to Gardiner's Corner, Stepney, the intersection of Old Street and City Road, Shoreditch, including a roundabout, and to Euston Road from Albany Street to Gower Street.

JAPS ADOPT AIR SPRINGS

A CCORDING to a report from Tokyo. air suspension is being extensively used in Japanese commercial vehicles, goods and passenger. The range of light vans is also being extended.

Japan claims fourth place among world bus producers. Last year, 126,820 goods and 8,036 passenger vehicles were built. Of these, 4,634 trucks and 632 buses were exported.

Public Works Exhibition



Civil-engineering Products
Stimulate Production of
Heavy Equipment: More
American Appliances
Becoming Available in
this Country

STIMULUS has been given to the production of earth-moving equipment in this country by the progress being made with the new motorway system and other major construction projects. This is reflected in the multiplicity of such equipment which will be shown at the Public Works and Municipal Services Exhibition which opens at Olympia on November 10 and closes on November 15.

A number of American concerns has recently set up subsidiary production companies here, and their products on display will be more prolific than before when import difficulties restricted their appearance. Nearly 400 exhibitors have stands this year, and the exhibition will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Dumpers

WITH a payload capacity of 28 tons, the dumper to be shown by Fodens, Ltd., Sandbach, Cheshire, will be the largest on display (Stand 333). Known as the Model FR.6/45, it is powered by a Rolls-Royce turbocharged engine which develops 300 b.h.p. at 2,100 r.p.m. The drive is taken through a 17-in-diameter over-centre Rochford clutch and a three-stage gearbox incorporating a forque converter to the single double-reduction rear axle.

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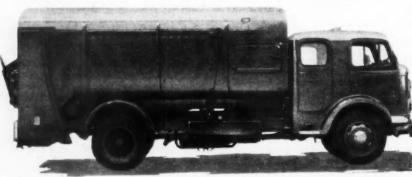
Power steering is a standard fitting and full air brakes are provided in conjunction with a disc-type transmission brake mounted behind the gearbox.

Also powered by Rolls-Royce is the four-wheeled SN dumper which will be included among the exhibits of Aveling-Barford, Ltd., Grantham, on Stands 72-97. In this case a 400 b.h.p. turbocharged oil engine is used in conjunction with a conventional six-speed transmission. The vehicle has a 20-cu.-yd. tipping body and can carry a 27-ton payload.

Six-wheeled chassis with double-drive rear bogies are a popular basis for heavy-duty dumpers for use on and off the road. Transport Equipment (Thornycroft), Ltd., Basingstoke, will have such a vehicle on Stand 47. It is a Big Ben 6 × 4 chassis of 16-ft. 2-in, wheelbase, on which is mounted their own plastics cab and a 15.2-cu.-yd, struck capacity scow-ended body and tipping gear manufactured by Telehoist, Ltd. Powered by the KRN.6 oil engine producing 155 b.h.p. at 1,900 r.p.m., the vehicle has an eight-speed transmission.

Of similar layout is the Dumptruk to be exhibited by A.E.C., Ltd., Southall, Middlesex (Stand 89). Now offered with only one standard specification, this 6 × 4 chassis incor-

porates a number of features which were previously optional alternatives at extra cost. These include an 11.3-litre 150-b.h.p. oil engine and a five-speed constant-mesh gearbox specially designed for dumper use.

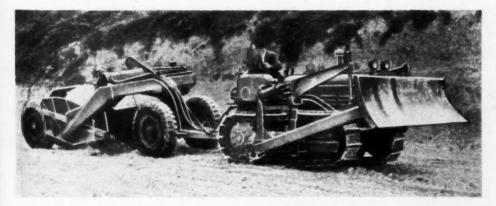


Dustless loading by Zoller binemptying gear is a noteworthy point on the 14-28-cu.-yd. Haller refuse body to be shown by Glover, Webb and Liversidge, Ltd., on a Karrier Gamecock chassis. The body has an internal screw for refuse packing (Stand 225). No

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The David Brown 50.TD tractor has a 50-b.h.p. oil engine and a sixspeed transmission. It will be exhibited with a scraper blade as seen here. The David Brown scraper will also be on display. It has a heaped capacity of 5 cu. yd (Stands 313 and 314).

Edbro-B. and E. tipping gear fitted to the Show vehicle tips the 10-cu.-yd. body to 70° in 12-14 sec. The Dumptruk is suitable for a gross weight of 24 tons when not restricted.

All-wheel drive distinguishes the Mountaineer dumper which will be found on Stand 85 of Scammell Lorries, Ltd., Watford. This four-wheeled chassis is powered by a Leyland 150-b.h.p. oil engine and incorporates a number of design changes from previous appearances. The front axle is now suspended on coil springs, a layout adopted first for the Super Constructor, whilst hydraulic power assistance is provided for the steering. A six-speed gearbox is used and front-axle drive may be engaged when the vehicle is in motion or stationary. Hydraulic tipping gear gives a 72° angle of tip for the 8-cu.-yd. body.

Recently introduced by the Chaseside Engineering Co., Ltd., Aldwych House, London, W.C.2, is their D5 high-speed dumper which will appear on

Stand 60. This machine is arranged for use with equal facility in forward or reverse motion, having two-way steering and a transmission giving 10 similar speeds in either direction. It is powered by a 61.5-b.h.p. oil engine and can carry a payload of 13,500 lb. in its hydraulically discharged hopper.

Incorporating the Meiller system for self-loading or unloading of detachable skips is a 41-cu.-yd. dumper to be shown on Stand 213 by E. Boydell and Co., Old Trafford, Manchester. Known as the Muir-Hill 14B, it has full hydraulic control for the loading and unloading procedure, whilst the skips may also be tipped. Automatic stabilizing jacks are incorporated to relieve the chassis of undue strain when lifting is being done.

A separate concrete bucket which can be lifted on or off the vehicle by a crane will be shown on a Benford four-wheeled oilengined dumper on Stands 202 and 214. The dumper used is the Mark 7. The makers are Benford, Ltd., The Cape, Warwick.

Removable skips are also a feature of the Multi-Skip dumper to be exhibited by the Thwaites Agricultural Engineering Co., Ltd., Cubbington, Leamington Spa, on Stand 81. The dumper chassis incorporates the lifting gear for the skips.

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is powered by a Rohs-Royce 400-b.h.p. oil engine. Capable of unladen speeds up to 30 m.p.h. it can carry a 27-ton payload. The body capacity is 20 cu. yd. (Stands 72-97).

(Right) A Thornycroft Big Ben 6×4 chassis, with a 155b.h.p. oil engine, an eight-speed transmission and doublespeed runsmission and above reduction rear axles, forms the basis for this 15.2-cu.-yd. capacity dumper. The driver's cab is fabricated from plastics panels (Stand 47).





(Above) A new use for their Mechanical Horse chassis has been found by Scammell Lorries, Ltd. It will be exhibited in the form depicted with a 6-cu-yd. refuse body. The vehicle has a turning circle of under 20 ft. and carries a 35-cwt. payload (Stand 85).

Dozers, Loaders and Scrapers

THE Caterpillar Tractor Co., Ltd., Glasgow, will display their latest D8 crawler tractor (Stands 210 and 224). It will be equipped with a hydraulically controlled bulldozer blade and a towing winch. Power is provided by a 225-b.h.p. turbocharged oil engine driving the tracks through a transmission giving six speeds forward or reverse. The complete unit weighs 46,734 lb.

A cable-operated angledozer is fitted to the Allis-Chalmers HD.16 crawler tractor to be shown by Mackay Industrial Equipment, Ltd., Feltham, Middx, on Stands 86 and 87. The tractor has a torque-converter transmission which, combined with 150-b,h,p, oil engine, gives a maximum drawbar pull of 60,000 lb., assuming that there is no track slippage. Having a conventional transmission giving six speeds forward and three in reverse is another Allis-Chalmers crawler, the HD.516, which will also be displayed in company with an HD6G model fitted with a loading shovel incorporating a hydraulic ripper.

The only wheeled Allis-Chalmers vehicle on show will be their Tractomobile TL20.D loader. This has a loading shovel of 2-cu.-yd. capacity, four-wheel drive, a 100-b.h.p. oil engine and a three-stage transmission incorporating a torque converter.

Mackay will also have on show two Fiat tractors. One is a 6.0C.1 model powered by a four-cylindered oil engine coupled to a gearbox providing five speeds forward or reverse. A feature of this gearbox is the ability to shift from the lower four forward gears directly into the corresponding reverse gear. The tractor will be equipped with a Bray-Mackay 10-ft. 7½-in. wide angledozer plate. On show for the first time will be the Fiat FL.4 tractor with a shovel attachment.

An unusual layout is employed for the Euclid TS.24 twinpowered scraper. It incorporates a motive unit
at each end of the articulated unit, power being
provided by Cummins NHS oil engines producing
200 b.h.p. at 2,100 r.p.m. Drive is through an
Allison gearbox incorporating a torque converter
and four forward and two reverse speeds. The
complete unit has an overall length of 45 ft. 7 in,
and a turning circle of 74 ft. A struck capacity
of 24 cu. yd, of spoil is provided. It will be

shown by Euclid (Great Britain), Ltd., Lanarks, and Blackwood Hodge, Ltd., 25 Berkeley Square, London, W.I, on Stands 44 and 45. They will also display a Euclid C.6 crawler tractor.

Positive hydraulic control gives the scraper to be shown by David Brown

Construction Equipment, Ltd., Feltham, Middx, increased downward pressure on the cutting edge (Stands 313 and 314). It is capable of scooping up 3½ cu. yd. in one bite, has a maximum heaped capacity of 5 cu. yd. and is designed to operate with the David Brown 50.TD tractor which is also to be shown.

This tractor has a 50 b.h.p. oil engine and a six-speed transmission. It will be fitted with a hydraulically operated angledozer. A special version of the 50.TD chassis will carry the recently introduced Overshot loading gear, which allows discharge at the front or rear of the machine.

Largest wheeled tractor will almost certainly be the 380 bulldozer to be shown by Michigan (Great Britain), Ltd., Charles II Street, London, S.W.1 (Stand 321). It is powered by a 375-b.h.p. turbocharged oil engine and its specification includes four-wheel drive and Power Train transmission giving four speeds forward and reverse. The dozer blade fitted is 20 ft. wide.

Loading shovels with four-wheel drive are manufactured by Bray Construction Equipment, Ltd., Feltham, Middx, and three of these will appear on Stand 40. The BL.430 is powered by a Ford 51.8-b.h.p. oil engine and has power-assisted steering. A Perkins 62-b.h.p. oil engine powers the BL.450, which has a



With a mixing capacity of 6 cu. yd., the Rex Adjusta-Waite cement mixer manufactured by Blaw Knox, Ltd., will be mounted on a Leyland Hippo chassis. It can agitate up to 7½ cu. yd. of readymixed slurry (Stands 212-222). torq epic sing 110-F show (Sta vide this forc

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torque converter combined with a hydraulically operated epicyclic gearbox for the transmission. The BL 460 has a single-stage two-phase torque converter behind its Leyland 110-b.h.p. engine, and full air-pressure brakes.

Fully automatic transmission is a feature of a new loading shovel which is to be shown by Chaseside Engineering Co., Ltd. (Stand 60). All-wheel-drive of four equal-sized wheels is provided by a 148-b.h.p. oil engine. With a top speed of 27 m.p.h., this machine, called the Loadmaster 3,000, has a "pry-out force of 22,500 lb. and can lift a 10,000-lb. payload.

Versatility is the keynote of the Bristol Duplex angledozerplus-loader which will be displayed by H. A. Saunders, Ltd., Worcester, on Stand 117.

A loading height of 12 ft. combined with a good forward reach is provided by the 12 H loading shovel which will be found on Stand 244, occupied by F. E. Weatherill, Ltd., Welwyn Garden City. Scoop sizes available for this machine vary from

A Fordson Major-based heavy-duty loader is to be shown by Skyhi, Ltd., Isleworth, Middx (Stand 46). Also shown will be

Additions to the range of buckets for their Dinkum Digger Major tractor-mounted forward shovel will be among the

wide range of equipment for which they are the agents on Stands 343 and 344.

A 7-ft.-wide blade will be fitted to the four-wheel-drive angledozer to be exhibited by Roadless Traction, Ltd., Hounslow, Middx (Stand 655 and 656).

Four-wheel-drive and steering are incorporated on the Mastiff loading shovel to be shown by Mathew Brothers, Wallington, on Stand 92.

Claimed to be the fastest crawler tractor in the world, the Vickers Vigor will be on Stands 232 and 241 (Jack Olding and Co., Ltd., Hatfield, Herts).

Displayed in prototype form will be a crawler tractor manufactured by W. G. Bagnall, Ltd., Stafford (Stand 309). A novel feature of this machine is the use of a hydrostatic transmission to give an infinitely variable speed up to 7 m.p.h.

Other tractors will be shown by the Ford Motor Co., Ltd., Dagenham, Essex, on Stands 638 and 641, and Massey-Ferguson (Great Britain), Ltd., Coventry, on Stands 549-551.

Municipal Appliances

DUSTLESS loading of lidded bins by air-pressure-operated apparatus is provided on the Speedyload refuse body to be shown by the Eagle Engineering Co., Ltd., Warwick, on Stand 220. It will be mounted on an Austin 7-ton forwardcontrol chassis.

An internal screw is used to pack the refuse in the Haller

14-28-cu.-yd. body to be exhibited by Glover, Webb and Liversidge, Ltd., 561 Old Kent Road, London, S.E.1 (Stand 225). It will be mounted on a Karrier oil-engined chassis and will incorporate a Zoller dustless-loading shutter.

A novel exhibit by Scammell Lorries, Ltd., Watford (Stand 85), will show a new use for their three-wheeled mechanical horse chassis. It now forms the basis for a small, highly manœuvrable refuse vehicle with a 6-cu.-yd, side-loading refuse body. A turning circle of less than 20 ft, and a payload capacity of 35 cwt. are achieved.

In addition to a range of their fore-and-aft tipping refuse vehicles, Shelvoke and Drewry, Ltd., Letchworth, Herts, will have on Stands 230 and 243 an 800-gal.-capacity gully and cesspool emptier and a 11.3-cu.-yd. side-loading collector.

Interest in the display by Karrier Motors, Ltd., Luton (Stand 209), will be centred around the Gamecock chassis, which incorporates the new Perkins underfloor oil engine. Mounted on it will be a 10-12-cu.-yd. side-loading refuse body with a seven-seat crew cab.

Sidney Hole's Electric Vehicles, Brighton, will exhibit pedestrian-controlled street orderly refuse vehicles on Stand 439. and Dennis Bros., Ltd., Guildford, will display their range of refuse collectors on Stands 239 and 240.

Pride of place among the exhibits of Lacre Lorries, Ltd., Welwyn Garden City, Herts (Stands 353 and 354), will be taken by the recently announced high-speed sweeper for airfield runways. It is capable of sweeping speeds of up to 16 m.p.h.

Three sweepers will be displayed by Lewin Road Sweepers. Ltd., 25-26 Hanover Square, London, W.1 (Stand 219). They will be the Sweepmaster, which gives variable sweeping widths of from 6 ft. 4 in. to 7 ft., the Mechanical Orderly for sweeping widths from 4 ft. 9 in. to 5 ft., and the Universal pedestriancontrolled model.

A sweeping speed of 3 m.p.h. is provided by the Litterlifter to be exhibited by the Yorkshire Patent Steam Wagon Co., Ltd., Hunslet, Leeds, on Stand 509.

Road-gritting appliances for fitting to vehicles without modification will be exhibited by Tuke and Bell, Ltd., Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2 (Stand 531), Atkinsons Agricultural

mitted in the Midlands. One was the theft of an A.E.C.

eight-wheeler, the property of J. and H. Transport, Ltd., from

Appliances, Ltd., Clitheroe, Lancs (Stand 106), and the Phonix Engineering Co., Ltd., Chard (Stand 107).

Snow-ploughs and blowers for tractor mounting are to be shown by William Bunce and Sons, Swindon, Wilts (Stand 24). in addition to a motorized footpath snow-plough. contained snow-ploughing equipment will occupy Stand 218. Rolba Co., Ltd., Rochester Row, London, S.W.I. The largest plough in the Show will be found here on a Mercedes truck.

Hydraulically raised platforms to facilitate maintenance to overhead installations are used by many authorities. Such a platform for fitting to their standard power shovel will be shown by Whitlock Bros., Ltd., Great Yeldham, Essex (Stand 49).

A truck-mounted hydraulic platform is to be displayed by Simon Engineers (Midlands), Ltd., Dudley, Worcs (Stand 234).

Concrete Mixers and Transporters

SUITABLE for transit mixing of dry materials or for agitating a pre-mixed load is a vehicle-mounted concrete mixer to be shown by Ransomes and Rapier, Ltd., Ipswich, on Stands 62 and 63. Powered either by a separate oil engine or from a gearbox power take-off, the mixer will agitate 41 cu. vd. of pre-mixed concrete or will produce 3½ cu. yd. of concrete from an unmixed 5-cu.-yd. batch.

Deriving power for its operation from the front end of the vehicle engine crankshaft, the Winget Challenge concrete mixer for truck mounting is unaffected by gear changes when the vehicle is in motion. It will be shown by Winget, Ltd., Rochester, Kent, on Stands 64 and 65.

Probably the largest mixer fitted on a road vehicle at the Show will be the Rex Adjusta-Waite model exhibited by Blaw Knox, Ltd., 94 Brompton Road, London, S.W.3 (Stands 212-222). It will be mounted on a Leyland Hippo chassis and has a mixing capacity of 6 cu. yd. and can agitate up to 7\frac{1}{4} cu. yd. of ready-mixed slurry.

An improved version of their Telecrete ready-mixed concrete transporter will be shown by Telehoist, Ltd., Cheltenham (Stand 310). Mounted on a Bedford 7-ton 116-in.-wheelbase chassis, the tipping 3-cu,-yd. bucket now incorporates a powerdriven agitator to delay setting of the load.

Bird's Eye

View

Stop, Thief! Two daring robberies (to coin a phrase) were recently com-

meetings. Despite threatening fog, last week's meeting was well attended and Mr. P. G. Clubley, of the Ministry of Transport, received an attentive hearing when he spoke on licensing.

outside a café at Willoughby, near Rugby. The vehicle was carrying copper ingots, valued at £5,200. Police discount the In the sub-area there are many keen operators with knowtheory that the theft was the work of small boys who wanted ledge above average of the finer points of hauliers' problems and their tributes to Mr. Clubley were based on a lively appreciation of current licensing difficulties.

The other incident was the unauthorized removal of six garden seats, the property of Coventry Parks Department, from Coventry Airport, Baginton, during the final of the Lorry Driver of the Year Competition. Mr. Mervyn J. Miles, secretary of the competition, last week made a plaintive appeal for their return. Meanwhile, they stand as a debit item in the competition's accounts.

Just in Time

a copper for the guy.

MR. R. N. INGRAM, national chairman of the Road Haulage Association, listened attentively to the discussion on the future of the competition at last week's meeting of the national organizing committee. He arrived just in time to hear an attempt being made to secure two votes for each of the eliminating centres and one vote each for other organizations represented on the committee, including the R.H.A. proposal was effectively scotched.

Even if it had been carried it would have had little practical effect, but the principal was bad.

Good Stuff

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. Grenville Braithwaite, chairman of Coventry, Rugby and North Warwickshire Sub-area of the Road Haulage Association, on arranging a programme of talks on subjects of general interest at the sub-area's monthly

Vicar to the Rescue

PERHAPS the worst fears of bus operators about the use of small buses are confirmed by the news that the Rev. Sholto-Douglas, vicar of Siddington and Capesthorne. Cheshire, has bought an Austin 14-seater to take boys to football fixtures, mothers on outings and a variety of other expeditions.

But operators have no cause to be smug. Shortly after Mr. Sholto-Douglas bought his bus it was pressed into service to salvage passengers from a coach which had broken down when bringing parishioners back from a harvest festival at Wharton.

Two Minds

By The

Hawk

THERE was an unfortunate clash of events in London on Monday, for both the Traders' Road Transport Association and the Institute of Road Transport Engineers chose that date for their annual dinner-dances. That may have been the reason why the attendance at the T.R.T.A.'s function was smaller than usual, but what was lacking in numbers was made up in the quality of the entertainment. It was one of the few occasions when there was space to dance at Grosvenor House.

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More Being Spent on Road Than Rail: Mr. A. B. B. Valentine

Excess of Facilities and Unrealistic Rail Rates Make Transport Unnecessarily Costly

RITICS of the expenditure of about £1,500m. on railway modernization were answered last week by Mr. A. B. B. Valentine, a member of the British Transport Commission. Delivering his presidential address to the Railway Students' Association, he said that the modernization plan was merely part of a major revolution on the railways.

Nearly half the £1,500m, would in any event have had to be spent to replace worn-out railway equipment. Only the remainder of that sum represented the true measure of modernization involved

in the plan.

Moreover, the £1,500m, was to be spent on both stock and permanent way. Only about £100m, related to track, bridges, fly-overs and so on, and another £100m. to signalling. Spread over 15 years, the annual expenditure on track and signalling was £14m., compared with the minimum of £60m, a year to be spent on new and improved roads during the next few years.

Over a 15-year period some £900m. was to be spent on railway rolling stock, compared with Mr. Valentine's estimate of about £4,500m. on road vehicles, excluding cars for private use.

Cost Not Too Great

"Expenditure on railway modernization cannot be considered disproportionately large in relation to the traffic carried, compared with such expenditure upon road transport," he said. case, the proper spheres of rail and road transport are far more complementary to each other than competitive.'

Railways were not being expanded: e reverse was the case. They were the reverse was the case. concentrating on those functions which they could perform more efficiently than

other forms of transport.

Apart from making possible an immense variety and volume of national activities and adding to the country's income, the rise in mechanical road transport would prove a blessing to the railways, once they had adjusted themselves and set the stage for the redistribution of traffic between road and rail on a much more economic basis than at present.

Traffic collected into train-loads and hauled over well-used main lines could be carried far more cheaply, in terms of ton-miles, than would ever be possible by road. In fact, costs were so low that a good deal of assembly, sorting and distribution could be borne, before the overall unit cost from door-to-door approached that of road transport throughout.

With a limited number of centres served by rail, the railways and their customers would be relieved of a heavy burden of costs of distribution in detail by rail, which could be done much more cheaply by road.

In closing wayside depots the problem of making alternative provision for the needs of local coal merchants, in the face of established interests, was not always easily solved. Nevertheless, ways must be devised to relieve both branch lines and superfluous depots on main routes of coal and other wagon-load traffic, and to deal with them elsewhere on the railway, "because it would be unthinkable that the economical trunk hauls of coal which railways are so preeminently fitted to perform should be undertaken in any other way.

Transport Too Expensive

"The nation as a whole for some time past has been wastefully paying more than it need for its transport, partly because there is an excess provision of transport equipment in total (quite apart from the current temporary recession in demand), and partly because uneconomic charges are preventing a lot of traffic from moving by what is in reality the cheapest means, said Mr. Valentine.

The under-employment of too much transport equipment would be only partly cured by streamlining the railways. It was too much to expect that the withdrawal of much road haulage employed for longer distances, especially for regular flows and heavy traffics on main routes, would be voluntarily offered, until unrealistic railway charges were gradually corrected.

"When these substantial transfers of traffic, both from rail to road and road to rail, have been effected," he said, "the overall cost of transport to the nation as a whole will have been substantially reduced. The total transport equipment provided, if properly adjusted to accord

with this redistribution of traffic (as it certainly will be on the railways), will then be much more fully employed The further advantage of a measure of relief to road congestion will prove to be no contemptible by-product."

Where the railways were competing with road transport, whether public or private, they were up against door-to-door delivery. In fact, a large part of railway freight traffic travelled from door to door by rail alone. More than 90 per cent. of the tonnage of rail freight was forwarded from private sidings and ports, and nearly 75 per cent. was delivered to private sidings and ports, using rail transport throughout

Cheaper Transhipment

Although coal, ores, bulk raw materials and products of heavy industry were the bread-and-butter business of the railways, these traffics alone would not absorb the full capacity of the railway system, even when streamlined. If the railways were substantially to increase their share of other traffics, nothing was more important than to simplify the process and cheapen the cost of transhipment between road and rail at each end of the rail portion of the journey. Much had been done in this direction.

Quoting sheet steel as a traffic requiring reliable transit to the point of consumption and the avoidance of damage, Valentine said: "Unless the commercial railway staff master and take responsibility for the service and the cost of the whole transit from point of origin to destination, they will never be able to compete on quite equal terms with the road haulier offering a throughout service in one vehicle, or to talk the same language to C-licensees.

When the railways had been modernized and charges became more realistic, the field for keen competition in which road and rail could offer closely corresponding terms and service would be a good deal smaller than it seemed today. The future relationship between road and rail must be thought of mainly in terms of co-operative arrangements, designed to combine the best features of each form of transport in the common interests of the undertakings and of trade and

Change of User: The Proper Remedy

OPERATORS of A-licence vehicles who have to disclose a change in their normal user need not fear action by the Licensing Authority, providing they can make out a good case for the change.

This was illustrated at Birmingham last week, when an operator applied for a new A licence while his existing one was still in force because the work had It was believed to be the first altered. case of its kind to go before the West Midland Authority, Mr. W. P. James.

J. and S. Jennings, Ltd., Linshes Bridge, Pensnett, were granted a licence with an amended user to cover six vehicles. These had formerly been employed mainly on

steel carriage, but the new user stipulated: "General goods, chiefly castings, forgings and steel, mainly local, also London, Bristol, South Wales, Leeds, Manchester and Sheffield."

Mr. J. F. Wood, traffic manager, said they had decided to put their house in order following comments at a renewal

application last April.

Mr. James examined certified figures and heard evidence from three customer witnesses before making the grant. He said it was one of the first attempts by an operator to put matters right when he found that the user was not in accordance with the work being done.

(Right) A line of heavy vehicles, headed by a Maudslay eight-wheeler, being loaded with steel strip in the most modern steel mill in Sheffield. (Below) Steel bar being loaded upon a Thornycroft eight-wheeler at the John Lysaght works at Scunthorpe. The diagonally planked platform may be noted.



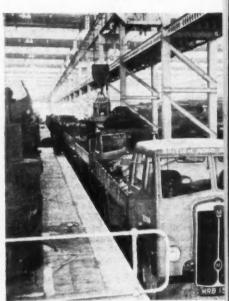
(Right) An E.R.F. of the Scunthorpe depot of British Road Services being loaded at Lysaghi's with coiled rod. A U-shaped device is used, with the top member attached to two crane hooks and the coil hung on the lower. When the coil is in place on the vehicle, the hook at the open end of the U is lowered and the tackle slid out.



(Above) Coils of steel strip being loaded by means of a magnetic attachment upon battens laid on the floor of an E.R.F. in a Sheffield works. In this city are 35 big steel plants and the local B.R.S. depot shifts 12,000 tons a week.

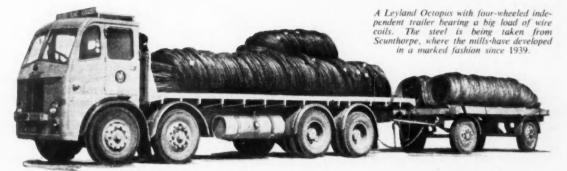


—Who Describes how the Enormous Production of Different Types of Steel is Shifted from the Two Main Centres: Rail and Road Facilities are Employed and Private Hauliers have a Share in this Vital Traffic









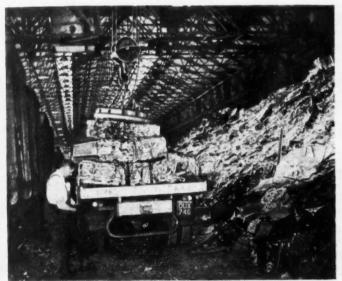
NEEDS CARE

HERE is always something to learn in transport, even after a lifetime's connection with it. This was emphasized for me when I was in the Staniforth Road. Sheffield, depôt of British Road Services. Talking to Mr. J. F. Coulson, branch manager, I remarked that most of the lorries in his yard had wooden floors. He explained that all-alloy bodies were unsuitable for the haulage of steel, which is, of course, the major traffic in Sheffield. It is unusual to find a consignment of steel that can be easily manhandled, and loads have to be stacked so that they can be lifted on and off by crane. This involves nailing battens

to the floor and usually wedges to keep the steel from moving.

Another popular misconception in parts of the country remote from the steel-producing areas is that steel needs no protection. Bright (i.e., finished) and high-speed steels are extremely susceptible to rust, which can arise not only from rain, but even from condensation. The makers usually coat these steels with grease or oil, and drivers experienced in the handling of such traffic carry an additional sheet made of flax, which is placed first over the load and roped down before the ordinary tarpaulin is lightly placed over it.

Thirty-five steel concerns of some standing are located in the Sheffield area, representing all sections of the industry. Among them are such famous names as Steel, Peach and Tozer at Templeborough (billets, bars and strip); McCall, who produce reinforcing material; Samuel Fox of Stocksbridge, and Firth-Brown (stainless and other special steels); Arthur Lee (strip and drawn wire), and the English Steel Corporation (heavy engineering). Some of McCall's products are 45



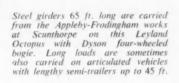
An Atkinson six-wheeler, carrying bales of scrap, being unloaded by means af a magnetic pick-up at the Lysaght works in Scunthorpe. A line of rail trucks is seen on the left. The company themselves have 20 locomotives and 1,100 wagons for use on their own lines.

to 50 ft. long and B.R.S. have specially long trailers to handle these. Not far from Sheffield, there is also considerable steel production at Rotherham and Parkgate to the north and Chesterfield to the south, whilst only 40 miles away is the great producing area of Scunthorpe, to which I will refer later.

Steel is one of the basic traffics on which the railways have always relied, and where both the producers' and the customers' premises are rail-connected

they are in a very strong position to compete with the road hauliers in regard both to service and rates. The railways still probably carry the bulk of black bar (unfinished) steel. but since the 1920s road transport has, until recently, carried the more valuable types in ever-increasing volume. I am not in a position to say whether steel production in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire has reached its maximum for the present, but odd remarks dropped here and there in the course of my tour suggested that, generally speaking, the position is static and there may even be a slight tendency

B.R.S. have not got anything like a monopoly of the road haulage of steel from Sheffield, but the size of its





interest may be gauged by the fact that Mr. Coulson controls 248 vehicles. Rather incongruously, 20 of these are vans on contract to Cadbury's. The rest of the fleet consists of 6-7-tonners and upwards and the average carrying capacity is 10 tons. With the aid of foreign-based vehicles and sub-contractors, B.R.S. Sheffield move about 12,000 tons a week, half of it to Birmingham and the Black Country, where lorries work into Walsall depôt. Tufnell Park is the trunk terminal in London. Forty-seven regular nightly trunks are worked.

At Steel, Peach and Tozer's, loading goes on all round the clock seven days a week, a process which has been greatly helped by the increasing use of articulated vehicles. It is usual for the first of the day driving staff to report at 4 a.m. and for the others to go on duty at staggered intervals thereafter. To my surprise, Staniforth Road is not concerned entirely with tonnage and I was told that about 8,000 separate consignments a week are handled. This, however, is an instance where an average is a misleading figure. To divide 12,000 tons by 8,000 and assume that a 30-cwt. lot was a typical consignment would be quite wrong. It seems rather that consignments vary from several tons to a few cwt. with not much at an intermediate figure.

The delivery of 5- and 10-cwt. lots by a private carrier possessing only large vehicles often presents difficulties, but I was assured that B.R.S. found no such difficulty, partly because of the varied fleets available at the receiving end and because such smalls frequently fall in with other bits and pieces for the same destination. Samuel Fox of Stocksbridge are a concern who have many small consignments and there is a standing arrangement to clear these specially twice a week. An undertaking handling hardly anything but steel would, to the casual thinker, be one needing no loading deck, but, remembering what I have said both about smalls and the risk of damp, it is not surprising to find at Staniforth Road a substantial and lengthy covered bank with an overhead crane.

The idea of handling traffic on and off the ground is not favoured at Sheffield, especially as the use of pallets is generally impracticable. Care has to be taken in sorting, as much of the traffic is under mark and unlabelled. A Coles mobile crane is available to lift 10 tons.

Buffer Depots

In addition to the large site at Staniforth Road, on which new offices as well as the loading bank have been recently built, there is a sub-depôt at Attercliffe which handles traffic for the north-west and there are also sub-depôts in the works of the Staveley Coal and Iron Co. at Chesterfield, and in those of Arthur Lee in Sheffield. In places are several buffer depôts used for temporary storage. Arthur Lee are one of the companies where private hauliers are prominent, as likewise at Firth-Brown's. Traffic from the Templeborough Rolling Mills is largely handled by Messrs. H. Westwood, incorporating the old-established Rotherham Transport Co., whilst Leonard Green Haulage, Ltd., are particularly identified with the Parkgate Iron and Steel Co. There is very little steel carried on C-licensed vehicles.

One good thing that developed during the war and has been continued since is an agreed schedule of rates which is honoured by the 35 steel companies, by B.R.S. and by the local Road Haulage Association members. Direct Motor Services, the well-known and old-established co-operative association of hauliers, whilst not parties to the agreement, come into the picture indirectly as some members are intimately concerned. Unfortunately, some outsiders coming in to collect ex-works traffic are known to cut the agreed rates but, in general, these are well observed. All the usual destinations are placed in groups according to mileage, and rates are quoted in eight weight categories

Representatives of the steel concerns and the hauliers meet twice a year to negotiate alterations.

Although steel has been produced at Scunthorpe for about 80 years, the industry, compared with the production of Sheffield, was quite small before 1914. It grew steadily between the wars, but the greatest development has been since 1939. The three main works—John Lysaght's Scunthorpe Works, Ltd., Appleby-Frodingham Steel Co., Ltd., and Richard Thomas and Baldwins, Ltd.—have to be appreciated. They cover an astonishing area. Appleby-Frodingham, for instance, cover 14 square miles and include four of the largest blast furnaces in the world.

The works differ in character. Lysaght's have two distinct rolling mills, one producing wire in coils and the other blooms, billets, slabs and tinplate bars. These products go elsewhere for re-rolling and eventually reach the canning and car-body industries, among many others. Appleby-Frodingham produce steel plate and sections and have a subsidiary construction company engaged in engineering work. Richard Thomas and Baldwins send out steel for finishing elsewhere. In each case there are by-products, such as naphthalene, sulphate of ammonia, tar, benzol, basic slag and road material.

Water Transport

All tonnage figures concerned with these huge enterprises are naturally high. Lysaght's, for instance, use 14,000 tons of coking slack every week, of which 3,000 tons travels by water from South Yorkshire to the company's own wharf on the Trent, three miles away, and thence by private railway. The remainder is carried by British Railways. Much of the ore is mined in Lincolnshire, but 4,000 tons a week from France is also received over the company's wharf. In addition, there are large quantities from Northamptonshire and from Sweden, the latter entering via Immingham Docks.

The total tonnage brought in by British Railways annually for the firm is about 1½m. tons, this being in addition to the large output of the company's mines which is carried by the private railways. Lysaght's rolling stock for use on their own lines numbers 20 locomotives and 1,100 wagons. Outgoing traffic is normally about 10,300 tons of blooms, billets, etc., and 3,500 tons of wire. A substantial proportion of this is carried by road.

It is a thrilling sight to see a huge, glowing ingot lifted by crane on to a runway with fast-moving rollers and then to see it bouncing along at high speed until it is seized by a great vice and squashed to the desired dimensions. Equally entertaining is the way in which strips of wire coil themselves into circular bundles, cool off surprisingly quickly and are ready for loading a short time after they are made.

Arriving at the loading bay on an endless chain, they are lifted off on to a cradle, where they are stacked one against the other. An overhead crane inserts a special attachment like a large metal finger (called a needle) through the coils, picks them up and stacks them upright on a waiting lorry, where they are held in position by longitudinal runners. Production and dispatch thus go on simultaneously.

Some exceptionally long pieces are produced in Scunthorpe, notably at Appleby-Frodingham. For these B.R.S. have developed a special type of four-wheeled trailer called a monkey bogie, which, being fitted with a turntable, can be used behind an articulated 16-ton lorry to handle exceptional lengths. Some of the semi-trailer portions of locally based articulated vehicles are up to 45 ft. long. Shunting vehicles based at the works and used in conjunction with articulated lorries enable continuous loading to go on.

For such traffic as is dispatched by road, B.R.S. act as a (Continued on page 535)

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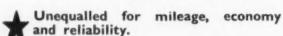
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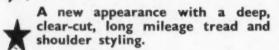


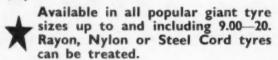
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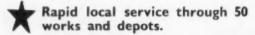
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clearing house and employ a number of private hauliers approved by customers, in addition to their own fleet. The Scunthorpe branch originated with the old-established firm of J. R. Harvey and Son, to which, on nationalization, Goy and Son and several smaller local businesses were added. Mr. Arthur Harvey, the present branch manager, has had a lifetime's experience of handling steel and has the complete confidence of the steel companies' traffic managers. These gentlemen, who went to a great deal of trouble to give me a clear picture, and to whom I was introduced by Mr. D. Piercy, district traffic superintendent, B.R.S., emphasized that they try to preserve a reasonable balance between road and rail. They realize that the railways must be kept going and, even if it were

practicable, it would be wrong to divest them of the heavy traffics they are so well laid out to handle.

But there are often good reasons for using road transport, particularly where a customer is not rail-connected. A glance at a railway map will show that Scunthorpe is not as well situated as Sheffield for direct rail delivery to the main centres.

A 24-hour service seven days a week is provided from the B.R.S. depôt in Station Road. The fleet based there consists of two 7-ton vehicles, 19 10-tonners (including 10 under contract), one 12-tonner and 31 16-tonners. Approximately 5,000 tons is handled weekly by the depôt. The traffic goes to most parts of the country, the bulk into the Midlands.

THE background to the agreement concluded between the Central Electricity Authority and the British Transport Commission for the transfer of coal traffic from road to rail is fascinating, and may not be widely known. An examination of it brings to light several curious facts.

As the National Coal Board have a monopoly in supply, one might reasonably expect that the C.E.A. would buy fuel for their power stations directly

from the Board. In fact, their purchases are made through factors. I have not yet discovered how the factors justify their commission for selling the product of a monopoly producer. All they have to do is make a regular routine book-keeping entry which is worth thousands of pounds a year to them. I have heard the system described by a man in the coal trade as "money for old rope."

Factors' Haulage Charges

In Yorkshire at least, the factors do not appear to be satisfied merely with a commission. They run large fleets of C-licence vehicles to carry part of the fuel, and claim a haulage charge for doing so, as well as their commission for factoring.

Apart from this, they employ independent hauliers to work for them on contract-A licences—which can be obtained without the right of objection by British Railways—or on open A or B licences. The number of hauliers doing this work has greatly increased during the past two years and, as everyone knows, there has been a proportionate decline in coal traffic by rail.

The N.C.B. do not favour the employment of road transport from their pits which have rail sidings, because only a limited number of road vehicles can be loaded at a time. One can often see large queues of lorries waiting, sometimes three hours or more, to load. But the N.C.B. are only the suppliers of the coal. It is the factor who decides the form of transport to be employed, although the Board would, of course, be entitled to discontinue affording loading facilities to road vehicles.

Naturally, the factors use the railways, and some of them pay more than £1m. a year for rail haulage. But the road haulage of coal has proved extremely profitable to the factors and hauliers. Not long ago, an A-licensee engaged exclusively in coal traffic said in evidence that he was regularly carrying loads of fuel over 300 miles. The traffic was so profitable that he never bothered about return loads, but went back to his base as quickly as possible for another outward load.

Nevertheless, some hauliers have been foolish to abandon all other traffic in favour of coal. They should have realized that one day the goose which was laying the golden egg

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might stop laying. After all, Sir Brian Robertson, chairman of the British Transport Commission, is an able and practical man, and he could not be expected to sit back and watch the basic traffic of British Railways being transferred indefinitely to the roads.

The Road Haulage Association have been sufficiently alarmed at these developments to approach the Ministers of Power and Transport, complaining that several millions of

tons of coal a year might be wrested from independent hauliers. The Commission might logically reply that the railways were merely taking back traffic, at least part of which they originally carried. The railways have worked under the handicap of being unable to offer coal factors an incentive to give them the traffic.

Further developments on these lines may reasonably be expected. The N.C.B. are having a lean time. They are having to provide storage accommodation for unsaleable coke, as well as for industrial and household coal and opencast coal. As there are many private rail sidings at most of the pits, what could be more welcome to the railways than to be able to use their thousands of empty wagons for such storage? Similar facilities could not and would not be provided by hauliers.

In the circumstances, one might logically expect the N.C.B. to come to some agreement with the B.T.C., still a large consumer of coal, on the lines of the C.E.A. arrangement.

Onslaught on Oil?

As The Commercial Motor reported on October 24, the railways are now thought to be trying to obtain a larger share of the oil and petrol traffic which is at present being carried over long distances in contract vehicles. Conditions in the oil industry are highly competitive, and it remains to be seen whether the oil companies can remain indifferent to pressure placed on them by the railways for their traffic.

The coal factors enter also into the oil picture, for in many areas they have been appointed as distributing agents for the oil companies.

Hauliers who lose coal or oil traffic to the railways will probably be strongly attacked by the Commission when their licences are due for renewal. If the Licensing Authorities carry out their duties assiduously, some fleets of A- and B-licence vehicles will be reduced because either the normal user will have been changed or the lorries will have become surplus to requirements in the area.

Recent remarks by the Minister of Transport and the chairman of the Commission suggest that coal and oil are among the commodities regarded as traffic vital to the existence of the railways.

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effect this location would have on engine noise. In fact, the sounddeadening effect of the seat-box blankets and the seats themselves was remarkable, the engine being little noiser than the three-cylindered twostroke unit used in the 7-tonners, which is well known for its quiet operation.

A four-speed constant-mesh gearbox is fitted in the 6-tonner, and the standard spiral-bevel rear axle gives a reduction of 5.857 to 1. An Eaton two-speed axle, which may be supplied at additional cost, has ratios of 5.62 and 7.82 to 1.

A Clayton Dewandre Hydrovac vacuum servo is incorporated in the Girling hydraulic system, all brakes being two-leading-shoe units. Moulded facings give a total frictional area of 438 sq. in.

Semi-elliptic springs, with helper springs at the rear, form the standard suspension, but lever-type dampers are offered at the front as optional equipment. These were not fitted to the vehicle tested, despite which the ride was found to be entirely satisfactory when laden and by no means uncomfortable when running light.

A redesigned cab, developed for the new chassis, has been adopted for other forward-control vehicles in the Rootes range. Although the modifications are



(Above) The braking system of the Commer 6-tonner is powerful and light to operate. When making "crash" stops from 30 m.p.h. all the wheels locked and the weight transference was pronounced.

of three medium-capacity forwardcontrol vehicles introduced by Commer Cars, Ltd., immediately before the Commercial Motor Show. The 6-ton chassis was offered for test and brief details of its performance were given in *The Commercial Motor* on September 19.

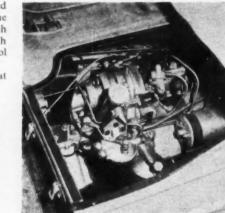
Like the 4-tonners and 5-tonners, the new 6-tonner has the Commer Medium oil engine, based on the Perkins C.305 horizontal oil engine, with the option

of the Commer 110 b.h.p. petrol engine in the case of 5- and 6-tonners. The engine is mounted at an angle of 24° from the horizontal and is located beneath the cab seats, as is usual with Commer forward-control designs.

It was interesting to see what

(Right) With the driving seat cushion removed and the seat-base assembly hinged upwards, good access is given to the fuel injectors, air cleaner and reservoir for the brake fluid.





small, the overall effect has been to give greater driving comfort and an improved range of forward vision. These objects have been achieved by raising the cab roof line by about 3 in, mounting the seats on a tubular framework and using deeper cushions, and employing a one-piece windscreen with a higher top line.

Whereas previous Commer forward-control vehicles have had Marles cam-and-double-roller steering, the new chassis have Cam Gears cam-and-peg steering and the angle of the column has been reduced so that the 18-in-diameter wheel is farther away from the seats. It is now possible to provide 7 in. fore-and-aft adjustment, so that

(Right) The left side of the power unit is reached by removing the passenger seat cushion and insulating blanket and lifting the seat-pan trap. It is then easy to attend to the dipstick, oil filler, fuel and oil filters, fuel-injection and lift pumps and the starter. Access to the engine generally is better than is found in most forward-control vehicles.

to Service

New Commer Forward-control Range of 4-, 5-, and 6-tonners Has Brisk Performance

(Right) The ascent of Bison Hill, a 4-mile gradient, took 4 minutes 23 seconds, bottom gear being engaged for just over a minute. The test load of concrete blocks was evenly distributed along the body.





(Left) A good steering lock and improved forward vision make the new Commer an easy vehicle to manœuvre. The new cab is distinguishable from the previous version by its one-piece windscreen and re-styled radiator grille.

drivers of all shapes and sizes can be suited.

Additionally, there is 2 in vertical adjustment, although the adjustment mechanism is not particularly easy to operate and can certainly not be worked while the vehicle is on the move, which possibly makes for safety.

Carrying a test load consisting of small concrete blocks which totalled 5 tons 194 cwt., the 6-tonner was tested at a gross weight of 9 tons 101 cwt. The payload was evenly distributed throughout the length of the body and the weight distribution between front and rear axles was nearly in the ideal ratio of 1:2

Wheels Lock

Using a level stretch of the North Orbital Road, in the Hatfield area, braking and acceleration tests were conducted first. When making fullpressure stops from both 20 m.p.h. and 30 m.p.h. all the wheels locked and on each occasion the Tapley meter showed that the maximum deceleration had exceeded 100 per cent.

There was little noticeable lag in the braking system, so the difference between maximum and average deceleration rates would be accounted for almost solely by the distance for

which the wheels were locked. The hand brake showed exceptional efficiency, an average reading of 54.75 per cent. being obtained from 20 m.p.h. without excessive effort on the lever. During the hand-brake tests the near-side rear wheel locked.

Using second, third and top gears, rapid acceleration was achieved from a standstill up to 30 m.p.h. and the direct-drive times between 10 m.p.h. and 30 m.p.h. were good. The engine and transmission showed no signs of roughness when pulling away in top gear from 10 m.p.h. during the second series of tests.

Fuel-consumption figures were taken over the six-mile undulating circuit between Barton and Clophill normally employed on Commer tests. For the first laden test I drove, and, despite three stops, the course was completed at an average speed of 27.5 m.p.h., the fuel-consumption rate being 15.3 m.p.g., as shown by the test tank.

Alan Hargreaves, of Commer Cars, Ltd., drove for the second run and had to use the gears a little less, with the result that 1/32 of a pint less fuel was used, giving a rate of 15.6 m.p.g., and time was saved, the average speed being 28.3 m.p.h.

Later in the day the course was retraced with the test weights removed and on this occasion I obtained 19.2 m.p.g. at an average speed of 30.7 m.p.h. All the figures are reasonable for an indirect-injection oil engine, although it is likely that greater economy would have been shown had an Eaton two-speed axle been fitted.

Hill-climbing tests were made in an ambient temperature of 61° F. Bison Hill, 1 mile long and having an average gradient of 1 in 10½, was used.

Good Cooling

Because of the long cranked filler neck necessitated by the low-slung radiator it was impossible to take the temperatures of the water in the header tank before and after the climb, but the temperature of the water at the top of the neck rose from 149° F. to 162° F. during the ascent, which occupied the surprisingly short time of 4 minutes 23 seconds. The low temperature rise served to indicate that the cooling system has ample capacity for prolonged hill-climbing in ambient temperatures of at least 100° F., additional latitude being given by the pressurizing of the system to 4 p.s.i.

The minimum speed during the climb was 6 m.p.h. and bottom gear was engaged for just over a minute.

For the fade test the 6-tonner was coasted down the hill in neutral, using the foot brake to keep the speed down to 20 m.p.h. This test lasted 21 min. and approximately 40 sec. of this time was spent with top gear engaged and full throttle applied to compensate for the reduced gradient towards the bottom of the hill.

Although the road was wet, an emergency stop from 20 m.p.h. produced a Tapley meter figure of 80 per cent. Because of the wet surface all the wheels locked. The degree of fade shown was very small indeed in view of the severity of the test and there was only a slight smell of hot facings and no smoke or increase in pedal travel.

Returning to the steepest section of Bison Hill, where the gradient is known to be 1 in 6½, the Commer was stopped and the hand brake held it with ease, although the drums must have been hot. A smooth restart from a standstill was made in bottom gear using only a quarter throttle opening.

Pleasant Handling

The vehicle was pleasant to handle on the road at any speed. The steering was firm but not heavy and the castor action was sufficient to prove of assistance when cornering quickly. The new gear-change linkage adopted on the 6-tonner is a vast improvement on the remote-control layout employed on the 7-ton models. It is more positive and enables quicker changes to be made.

A full series of maintenance tests was not conducted, because the basic layout of the running components, brakes and so forth follows normal Commer practice. Tasks were conducted on the engine, however, and these showed the degree of accessibility to be much higher than is normally found with forward-control designs.

The dipstick, oil filler, oil filter, fuel filter, fuel-lift pump and sediment bowl, exhauster, starter, fuel-injection pump and the fan are reached by removing the passenger-seat cushion and the insulating blanket below it, and lifting the hinged engine cover, which can be tucked behind the squab to hold it up. This operation takes only 22 seconds.

Engine Service

I was then able to check the engineoil level in 13 seconds and remove the fuel-filter paper element in 50 seconds, replacing it in a further 1½ minutes. The sediment bowl of the fuel-lift pump was removed, emptied, cleaned and replaced and the bowl refilled in 1 minute 20 seconds.

Putting back the engine cover, blanket and cushion occupied 45 seconds. I then checked the oil level again by removing the passenger-seat cushion and just holding up the blanket and the trap. In this way I was able to verify the level in a minute, proving that it is unnecessary to raise the engine cover fully for this purpose.

Removal of the driving-seat cushion enables the seat sub-structure and access trap to be tilted back so that it lies against the driving-seat squab.

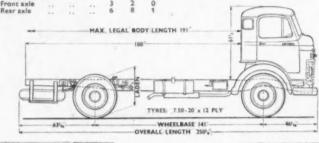
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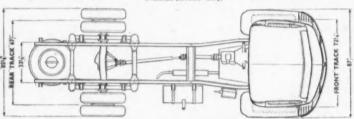
MODEL: Commer 11-ft. 9-in.-wheelbase forwardcontrol oil-engined 6-ton chassis with standard cab and 15-ft. 6-in. drop-sided body. WEIGHTS:

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GEAR RATIOS: 6.414, 3.366, 1.788 and 1 to 1 forward; reverse 8.246 to 1; rear-axle ratio 3.857 to 1.

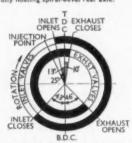
BRAKES: Girling hydraulic system, with twoleading-shoe units at all wheels and Clayton Dewandre Hydrovac vacuum servo. Singlepull hand brake llinked mechanically to rear wheels only. Diameter of drums, front 61 in, rear 15.25 in.; width of facings, front 3 in, rear 4.25 in.; total frictional area 438 sq. in., that is 46 sq. in. par ton gross weight as tested.





ENGINE: Perkins C.305 six-cylindered indirectinjection horizontal oil engine; bore 91.44 mm. (3.6 in.); stroke 127 mm. (5 in.); piston-awept volume 5 litres (30.53 cu. in.); maximum net output 76.5 b.h.p. at 2.400 r.p.m.; R.A.C. rating 31 h.p.; maximum net torque 208 lb.-ft, at 1,300 r.p.m.

TRANSMISSION: Through 12-in.-diameter singledry-plate clutch to four-speed constant-mesh gearbox, thence by two-piece propeller shaft to the fully floating spiral-bevel rear axle.



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ELECTRICAL: 12v. compensated-voltage-control system with 115 amp.-hr. battery.

FUEL CONSUMPTION: (a) laden, 15.6 m.p.g. at 28.3 m.p.h. average speed; (b) unladen, 19.2 m.p.g. at 30.7 m.p.h. average speed; that is 148 gross ton-m.p.g. as tested (a), giving a time-load-mileage factor of 4,188.

TANK CAPACITY: 16 gal., laden range approximately 250 miles.

ACCELERATION: Through gears, 0-20 m.p.h., 14 sec.; 0-30 m.p.h., 28.5 sec.; direct drive, 10-20 m.p.h., 17 sec.; 10-30 m.p.h., 33.9 sec.

BRAKING: From 20 m.p.h., 25 ft. (17.3 ft. per sec. per sec.); from 30 m.p.h., 53 ft. (18.4 ft. per sec. per sec.).

WEIGHT RATIOS: 0.415 b.h.p. per cwt. gross weight as tested.

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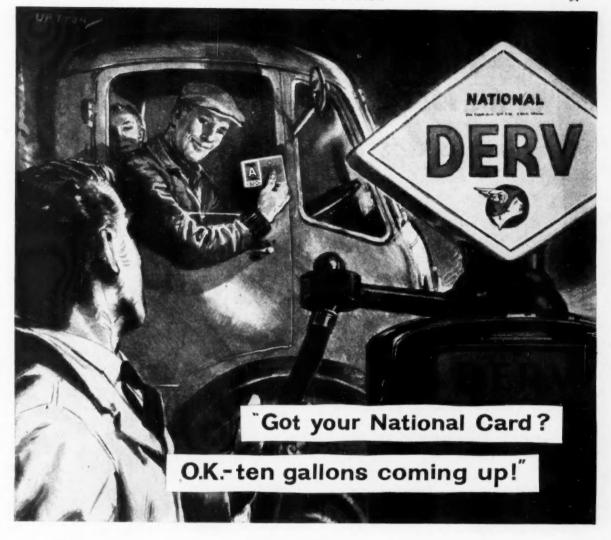
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With this trap up, good access is given to the fuel injectors, air cleaner, brake fluid reservoir and Thermostart. The trap takes 22 seconds to lift, including removal of the cushion, and when this was done I was able to check the air-cleaner level in a minute and the brake-fluid level in 11 seconds.

For all these jobs I used the standard tool kit, as supplied with the vehicle, but I found that the openended spanners were too flimsy to be

of any use for removing injectors. However, all the injectors are easy to reach and their removal should be little more difficult than is normally the case with Perkins engines.

Slightly longer time would be necessary, because the fuel-return pipes have screwed unions at each end, whereas standard Perkins engines have a push-in joint to the main gallery pipe. The driving-seat trap and cushion took 28 seconds to replace.



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A RANGE of drop-sided tipping bodies stated to have a better appearance and resistance to damage than previous types has been introduced by Telehoist, Ltd., Manor Road, Cheltenham. All external hinges are enclosed in tubular extensions of the side and rear body sills. These tubular members, which also serve as substantial rubbing rails, are open at the bottom to release stones and dirt which might jam the hinges.

The bodies also have lever-and-cam-operated locking catches for the side and tail boards. Replacing peg-type catches, they have a positive action which reduces body rattle. Spring-loaded brackets are now used by the company for restraining the drop sides of three-way tipping bodies in the elevated position.

The engine cover made by Norrish for the Austin Omnivan costs £4 13s, and reduces noise in the cab.

(Left) Stroboscopic phasing of in-



jection pumps is possible with the latest Merlin apparatus. pump phasing may be done quickly by means of stroboscopic light. The unit suitable for six-cylindered pumps is £60

and that for eight-cylindered £65. Both prices include the cost of the handy stroboscopic light gun. Oil from the pump is taken into the

attachment, which fixes on to the Calimaster at the top, and causes contactor mechanism to impart impulses to the gun. Light is thus projected whenever the individual cylinders operate, and the accuracy of the phasing can be determined by reference to a dial.

In practice, the markings on the rotating dial appear to be static either in advance or retard of the fixed setting, and the pump may be adjusted accordingly. The gun itself may be used as an independent unit for various other purposes such as checking

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ignition timing by means of marks on the fanbelt pulley and the crankcase.

Two brackets are fitted to each side of the body and lie under the body sills when retracted. They pivot out at right angles to support the sides, and are held in this position by springs.

Modified Reconditioner

PRICED competitively at £157, the Servicemaster R2 injector reconditioner produced by the Merlin Engineering Co., Ltd., Salterhebble, Halifax, Yorks, is a modified version of their popular R1 model, which costs £236 10s.

The R2, for which a pedestal cabinet is available for £12 extra, has been designed to meet the needs of operators and service stations concerned with the maintenance of the injection equipment of popular types of vehicle oil engine.

Additional attachments for dealing with non-standard types of injection equipment may be purchased separately, and can easily be fitted.

The company's Calimaster R6 fuelpump test bench at £205 is a more compact version of their superseded pedestalmounted type. The bench model is retained. The R6 is suitable for testing pumps of lighter types of vehicle. Merlin

Spring-return Mirror

WING mirror of the spring-return A type which does not require a large hole for mounting has been designed by Wingard (M.A.), Ltd., Chichester, Sussex. The spring-loaded mechanism of the Silverwing, as it is known, is contained in the bracket.

The company also have an interior

mirror intended to reduce dazzle caused by the headlamps of fol-lowing vehicles. If glare in the

Telehoist have introduced spring-loaded brackets for restraining the drop sides of three - way tipping bodies in the elevated position. They lie under the body sills when retracted and may be pivoted out for use in the manner depicted here.

mirror occurs, it is adjusted so that an image of reduced intensity is obtained.

A robust ladder rack comprising two metal channels 4 ft. 6 in. long, which may be attached by webbing straps and clamps to the drainage channel around the roof of a vehicle, is another new Wingard product. Loads may be fixed on the platform between the channels.

A steel-tube telescopic roof rack extending from 3 ft. up to 3 ft. 11 in. is also available.

Quieter Cabs

ENGINE covers for a number of forward-control vehicles are obtainable from S. Norrish, Ltd., 220 Great Portland Street, London, W.1. Specimen



prices are as follows: Austin Omnivan, £4 13s.; Bedford £3 7s. 6d.; B.M.C. 3-7-tonners, £6 18s. The covers are said to reduce noise in the cab and to guard against frost.



Normal User, Take-overs and Weight Increases

ONDITIONS of normal-user declarations, difficulties involved in take-over applications and the provision made by the Licensing Authority for overweight vehicles were the main subjects of a talk given last week by Mr. R. G. Clubley, higher executive officer of the Ministry of Transport, West Midland Area, at the monthly meeting of the Coventry, Rugby and North Warwickshire Sub-area of the Road Haulage Association.

Mr. Clubley was accompanied by Mr. R. A. Devenish, of the Ministry, and Mr. G. Braithwaite was chairman of the meeting. This was the third sub-area meeting at which a speaker had given a talk of general interest to hauliers.

After detailing the implications of normal user, Mr. Clubley said that Mr. W. P. James, West Midland Licensing Authority, regarded the conditions as a safeguard of hauliers' interests, as well as a means for limiting the traffic carried by A-licence operators, to the advantage of the industry as a whole. In the absence of normal user, A-licensees could make changes in the traffic carried without a declaration of intention and difficulties could arise in a future application when proving need for an A licence.

Normal User Condemned

During the discussion, Mr. G. Mousley, of Morton's (Coventry), Ltd., condemned normal user as a factor which was undermining the goodwill normally associated with A-licence operations in favour of B-licensees. Mr. Clubley replied that there was provision for A-licence vehicles to carry a limited amount of traffic in addition to that declared in normal user, whereas a B-licensee was bound absolutely by the declaration in his licence.

The Licensing Authority considered the outgoing traffic when an application was heard at a public inquiry and, except in special cases, did not take into account the return traffic. The operator was, therefore, free to back-load goods at clearing houses and so on.

In a request for further information regarding normal-user conditions, Mr. Mousley described a hypothetical case in which an operator had to change the destination of his traffic from one port to another. It was possible, he said, that an application for variation would not be granted because of objections by other operators.

Mr. Clubley stated that if the applicant were not granted his new licence he would not surrender his old licence. If the application were opposed, the decision could still depend on the merits of the case.

Referring to certain B-licence applications in Coventry, Mr. Mousley pointed p28 out that in one case the bulk of the traffic originated in Scotland. Consequently, the goods carried by the haulier would not affect local operators, but traffic might be abstracted from Scottish operators who had no opportunity to object to the application in the traffic courts.

Would it not have been preferable, asked Mr. Mousley, to have published the application in Scotland. Mr. Clubley replied that a haulier had to make applications in the traffic area in which his permanent base or centre was situated.

Mr. Clubley referred to applications for ordinary A licences by holders of expiring special A licences and said that if an applicant were called upon to do so, he was expected to justify his declaration of normal user. The fact that, in applying for a special A licence, he was not called on to specify normal user did not relieve him of the necessity to make the declaration when applying for a new licence. There would be no grounds for specifying "general goods, Great Britain."

Particular interest was shown by many of the members in Mr. Clubley's review of the difficulties involved in typical takeover cases. One of the first acts of the Authority's staff, said Mr. Clubley, was to verify that the licence applied for did not expire later than the existing one.

If the applicant specified the same expiry date, and in all other respects the terms of the application were identical to the terms of the old licence, the application would not be published in Applications and Decisions. There must be reliable evidence that a live business existed.

Wrong Publication Alleged

Mr. Clubley was challenged by Mr. J. Parnell, assistant secretary of the West Midland Area, to disprove that applications had been published which should not have been published. Mr. Clubley gave an assurance that if an application were entirely within the ambit of section 11(3)(b) of the 1933 Act, it would not be published.

If a change of base were involved, the application would be outside this subsection. The Licensing Authority might, however, accept a "trivial" change.

Mr. Clubley emphasized several times that certified figures for the business covering a period of 12 months had to be submitted in a take-over application. A list of customers did not assist the application, but letters of support were of value. These should provide evidence that the customer was willing to do business with the new entity.

Referring to a question regarding the take-over of a haulage company whose operations were restricted entirely to sub-contract work, Mr. Clubley said that this did not introduce any new element in the

application or procedure, so long as the stipulated evidence regarding the business were provided and provided that drivers were hired with the vehicles.

Following a claim that the vendor was a bankrupt or "on the way to bankruptcy" in a number of take-over cases, Mr. Braithwaite observed that it was then impossible for the licensee to operate the vehicles economically during the take-over period. Would it be possible, he asked, for the purchaser to appoint a manager?

This question was referred by Mr. Clubley to Mr. N. Carless, of the R.H.A. panel of solicitors, for his definition of manager." In response, Mr. Carless said that there could be no legal objection to the appointment of a manager if proper arrangements had been made The remuneration. Licensing Authority rightly examined cases involving the appointment of a manager because sometimes no business was being operated. The appointment of a manager had, in practice, said Mr. Carless, often represented abuse of the licensing system.

Asked by the chairman to give the meeting advice on some legal aspects of take-over, Mr. Carless said that the vendor should not be paid for his business until the application had been granted. He should continue to operate the vehicles in the intervening period.

During his talk, Mr. Clubley reviewed a number of aspects of applications for contract-A licences. If, he said, it were necessary to replace vehicles during the period of the contract there would be no licensing difficulties, so long as both parties fully agreed to the change.

When Weight is Increased

Other subjects reviewed during the discussion included the procedure to be adopted if the weight of the vehicle were increased as the result of conversion from petrol-engine to oil-engine operation or by virtue of natural causes. An increase in unladen weight up to half a ton was, said Mr. Clubley, normally considered trivial by the Licensing Authority if there were no increase in carrying capacity.

An application to run the heavier vehicle would normally be granted without publication in *Applications and Decisions*. If it related to a capacity increase it might, in certain instances, also be granted without a public inquiry. In one case of this type the additional capacity had been 15 cwt.

Additions to the vehicle of unusual features might, however, create a condition that had to be reviewed in public. If the weight had increased during the lifetime of the vehicle the original authorized unladen weight would be taken into account in a future application.

After agreeing that a vehicle could become heavier without additions being made to the chassis or body, Mr. Clubley said that the Licensing Authority should be immediately notified of the increase. A record of it was made, but no further action was normally taken if the operator continued to run the vehicle.

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(Right) This Dyson steerable bogie has a payload capacity of 20 tons. It will be used, in conjunction with a lorry, to convey complete oil-drilling masts 133 ft. high



(Left) Rubber and steel tracks 3 ft. wide give this Dyson trailer a ground pressure of only 8-9 p.s.i. at its maximum weight of 44 tons. The sealed box-section backbone of the frame acts as an additional support member should the tracks sink in exceptionally soft ground

Water Buffalo Albion-Cuthbertson swamp tractor. They are 3 ft. wide and give a ground pressure of only 8-9 p.s.i. for the laden trailer at its gross weight of 44 tons.

At the rear the tracks are 12 ft. 9 in. long. At the front, where they are mounted on a forecarriage which articulates through a 36-in.-diameter fifth-wheel, they are 8 ft. 9 in. long.

A 2-ft.-9-in,-wide single box girder is used to form a backbone-type frame for the trailer. The platform body is 25 ft. long and 9 ft. 3 in. wide. It is of all-steel construction and is supported from the central member by diagonal bracing. The box-section backbone acts as a support in the event of the tracks sinking in exceptionally soft ground.

The trailer, which can carry a payload of 28 tons, has a roller at the rear of the platform to facilitate the loading of equipment which is hauled on to it by a winch on the tractor. Motive units used will be Caterpillar D8 crawler tractors and possibly the Water Buffalo.

A new Dyson steerable bogie is also for Shell-B.P., but in this case for use in Venezuela. It has a capacity of 20 tons and will be used to support one end of a 133-ft.-high 38-ton oil-drilling mast. The other end of the mast will be carried on an oilfields truck and the length of the complete outfit will be 145 ft.

Previously the masts have had to be dismantled for transit. Great care has been taken in the design of the bogie to ensure that bending loads and stresses imposed on the mast are reduced to a

To achieve this the bolster on the bogie is free to articulate fore-and-aft and laterally. It is mounted on a sub-frame which bears on a rubbing circle on the bogie. The bolster is turned by a steering wheel acting through a heavy-duty chain and reduction gearing. A platform is provided for the operator.

"No More Coal by Road at Railways' Expense"

POINTING out that there had been a considerable fall in the railways' coal and coke traffic, Mr. S. W. Nelson, Western Licensing Authority, said last week that he would not be prepared to grant any additional road facilities unless there were some special reason.

Mr. Nelson agreed, however, to allow two hauliers to carry coal and coke to destinations not connected to rail sidings.

F. Whittock, Ltd., Pulteney Garage, Bath, asked for "coke within 150 miles to be added to the conditions of 15 B-licence vehicles. Mr. A. Barwell, managing director of the British Mineral Corporation, said the War Office and the R.A.F. had decided to switch from gas coke to furnace coke, and they wanted Whittock's to haul 8.000 tons of it from London to Salisbury Plain.

They had quoted a lower rate than the railways, who could deliver only to station and could not undertake stacking and trimming. After being handed the rates on a piece of paper, Mr. Nelson was told by a railway transit clerk that plenty of trucks were available and the rail rate could have been cut. Making the grant, Mr. Nelson com-mented: "I have to look very carefully into the question of carriage of coke and coal by road owing to the reduction in railway carryings. It has not been said that I must refuse every application, but

I have to examine each case carefully. In this case, I am told that this customer and their associated companies pay the railways millions of pounds. It therefore seems to me that they use road when it is most suitable."

The railways could do a wonderful job, which had been illustrated by the way they won back grain traffic from Avonmouth to the West Country. However, the coke tender was accepted on the basis of road haulage, and there was no evidence that other operators would be affected.

In the second case, Mr. E. W. Hatton, Drybrook, Glos., had his B-licence conditions varied to include: "Goods for Drybrook Quarries from 75 to 150 miles. and solid fuel for W. Cory and Son, Ltd., 120 miles." This was also opposed by the railways.

A witness from Cory's said the Clean Air Act had made it necessary for them to have coal carried from Neath and Mansfield without any increase in delivery costs. The company were "railway minded." but deliveries would have to be made to a point which was not connected to a siding. It did not mean a switch was to be made from rail to road.

Mr. Nelson stated: "I must not grant additional facilities to road if it means taking traffic direct from the railways without some special reason." thought there was a special reason in this case.

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November 5-16.—Turin Show.
November 10-15.—Public Works Exhibition,
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November 13.—Public Transport Association
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February 5-14.—Amsterdam Show
March 29.—Institute of Transport Annual Dinner,
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May 12-14.—Public Transport Association Conference, Folkestone.

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May 24-30.—International Union of Public
Transport Congress. Paris.

June 9-12.—Public Cleansing Conference,

Brighton,
June 16-25. - Institute of Transport Visit to

Copenhagen, September 21-25.—Municipal Passenger Transport Association Conference, Edinburgh.

Political Commentary

By JANUS

Father Figure

NTROSPECTION is not one of the infirmities of the average haulier. The reason may be partly because he has not to think very deeply into his own situation before realizing that he has always been in the house of bondage. He is oppressed by the licensing system, by the Socialists, by the Government in the interests of the railways, and by trade and industry in the interests of cheap haulage.

When he is in his rare mood of self-examination, it is beside the point that he makes a decent living out of his business, perhaps more than he could make in any other way. He regards himself as the slave where others are free, and as a minnow among tritons. Where other industries fix their prices to suit themselves, he dare not so much as publish his own rates for fear that a rival will undercut them. Where the manufacturing tycoons carve up the world between them, he must go "cap in hand"—a revealing phrase that he frequently uses—for any small change that is available.

A more normal mood among hauliers, particularly when there are several of them gathered together, is one of self-esteem. They proclaim the importance of their industry, and assume that whatever they say ought to be heard by the Government with respect, and repeated at length in the Press. When the event fails to come up to expectation, hauliers do not blame the Government or the Press, but decide that the fault lies with the Road Haulage Association. As a result, they are continually pointing out ways in which the R.H.A. could be improved.

The favourite proposal, which has recently come up again from several parts of the country, is for the appointment of a president. He is at one and the same time the symbol of their discontent and of their pride. For most hauliers, he is no more than an idea emanating from the mental processes I have outlined. He is what the psycho-analysts would call a father figure. He is the man destined to bring the hauliers out of the house of bondage. If they must come to terms with giants, they see the advantage of having a giant of their own Where they think big, he will talk big; and the authorities will listen to him.

Light of Day

The fantasy does not stand up to the light of day. Road haulage is an important industry, but not so important as to tempt a man of the calibre that the hauliers have in mind. He would want a wider and more complex field for his talents, where he would command a salary probably greater than the R.H.A. would be prepared to offer him. The comparison sometimes made with the National Farmers' Union illustrates the point. Sir James Turner, the N.F.U. president, has to cope with a formidable range of agricultural activities, which enter into every aspect of public life, national and international. He has done valuable work for his organization, but it is the status of the industry he serves that has made him an important figure.

Road haulage is merely one section, and that not the most considerable, of the transport industry. Could the British Transport Commission, the hauliers, the bus operators, and perhaps the C-licence holders and the airlines, agree to form one federation, there might be scope for another Sir James Turner to run it. There is no likelihood of such a federation, and the hauliers would not want it. They must be content to have an association of their own, and to recognize that, however well it may be led, its influence and power must be limited.

This does not mean that there is no room for improve-

ment in the R.H.A. Their methods of dealing with this very proposal to appoint a president appear, to the outside world at least, to demonstrate certain weaknesses. The proposal, it is understood, has been referred back to areas, and in the light of their opinions a decision will be reached or attempted when the Association's executive committee meet this month.

The areas might complain that their terms of reference are not clear. They do not know, for example, whether they are asked to recommend, or otherwise, the appointment of a father figure, or of a superior kind of contact man, possibly an M.P., or a peer, or even a television personality, who can put the case for the road haulage industry in places or circumstances where the ordinary Association member or official would not get a hearing. No attempt has been made, for the benefit of areas, to mark out the likely functions of a president, and to suggest how they would fit in with those of the present officials.

Exalted Position

The decision, if it can be called that, to seek the views of areas was made by the executive committee themselves, who are the chosen leaders of the industry, and have reached their exalted position after a series of local and national elections. Without having been present at the meeting, one can only suspect that the majority opinion of the committee was against the appointment of a president, but that there was a minority of members determined enough to postpone the final verdict until they could summon up fresh support. The assumption may be wrong, but it is at least reasonable to suppose that, if the executive committee on the whole had wanted a president, they would have said so.

Their failure to give a lead in the direction they preferred must be construed by the public as indecision. The minority of otherwise harmless eccentrics who are asking for a father figure get the credit for at least knowing what they want, although in fact the precise nature of their demand is not clear. Provided they remain a minority, the executive committee will be able to cope with the problem, and can turn the proposal down at the next meeting, as probably they secretly long to do. On the other hand, if the minority wins sufficient support in the areas to turn the tables, the executive committee may be forced into agreeing to make an appointment of extremely vague scope, and fundamentally against their inclinations.

There was no need for the committee to drift into this false position. There were several possibilities open to them. They could, for example, have had the courage of their convictions, and thrown the proposal out; or they could have taken the reasonable attitude that at any time they would be willing to appoint a president, part-time or full-time, paid or unpaid, if a sound and detailed case were put up. Such a case could come only from the leaders of the Association, who are aware of what is being done at top level, and of what is being left undone.

This is one of many points on which the members in general must be taught to trust their leaders. To the question: "Do you or do you not want a paid president?" which is in effect being put to him, the ordinary member is almost bound to reply: "Yes!" and is tempted to add, "if only because you find it necessary to ask me the question." From his limited point of view, the Association cannot have too many strong leaders and able advisers. He usually leaves it to the existing leaders to decide what help they want and what should be paid for it.

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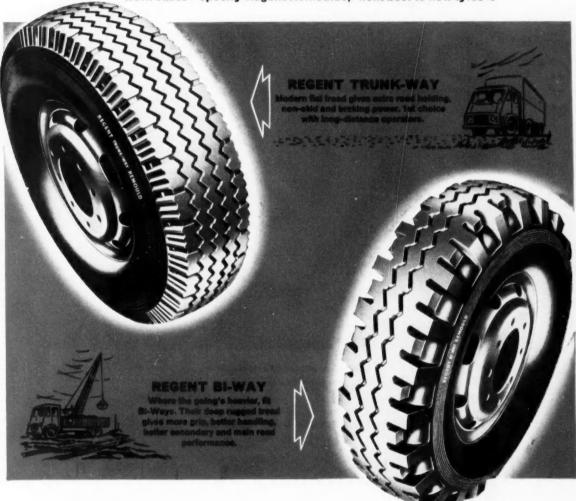
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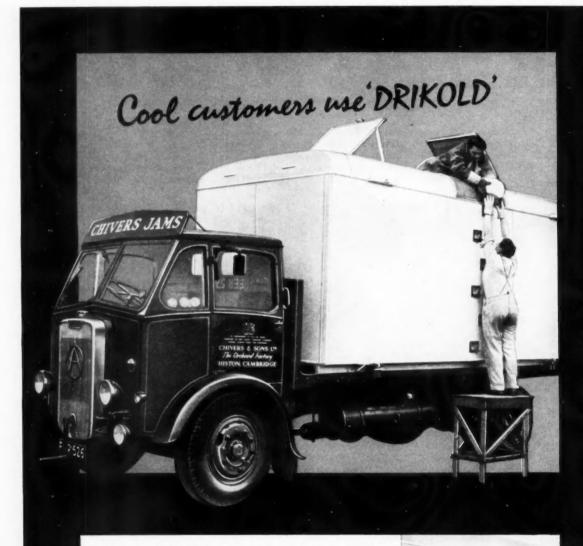
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Opinions and Queries

Jeremiahs at Work

ALTHOUGH not a wheel has yet turned on any of the home motorways, the Jeremiahs have already started predicting gloom and disaster. "Murderways" and "mass slaughter" are descriptive words, reminiscent of enemy wartime propaganda, where half a truth was made to carry an entirely opposite meaning.

Much of this sort of thing will blind public opinion to facts and turn it against fast road travel, without which road transport will stagnate and vehicle exports decline. The critics forget that, other than in built-up and special areas, there is no speed limit on private cars on the existing road system, which is entirely unsuited to high road speeds.

The inference must be that commercial vehicles are the niggers in the wood-pile, and care will require to be exercised lest a campaign be started against higher road speeds and the possible accident potential of the "Jugger-nauts"

It is generally accepted, other things being equal, that the larger and heavier the vehicle, the safer it is to handle, with better braking and greater resistance to skidding under normal conditions. One of the fears concerning the motorway is the chain-reaction pile-up type of accident, caused by closely following vehicles travelling at high speed.

Whilst this danger may be minimized by stipulating greater distances between vehicles, it will not entirely eliminate the source. One of the problems in the initial years will be the varying top speeds of goods vehicles. Excluding small types following the private-car pattern, this range comes somewhere between about 32 m.p.h. for older vehicles and the 68 m.p.h. of a recent new model of 14 tons gross; a top speed which may be exceeded before the older and slower vehicles are all scrapped. Add to that the differing temperaments of drivers, from the timid to the downright reckless, and the situation is such that considerably more overtaking than is advisable may occur.

It may be feasible to have an "overtaking" ban on short runs like the Preston by-pass, but it will be next to impossible to enforce it on longer leads. On two- and even three-lane roads, overtaking by a goods vehicle will bring it into the path of the still faster car, and the stage is set for the first kink in the chain.

In circumstances like this, emergency braking assumes much greater importance, the results of which cannot be accurately forecast without experience. Braking and tyre development have made vast strides in recent years and will continue to do so, but the governing factor and limitation of all braking standards is the coefficient of friction between tyre and road. It is here that commercial vehicles, with their larger area of tyre tread and bite on the road surface, score heavily. Any general step-up in orthodox braking to all types of vehicle, will produce a liability to fast skids in emergencies.

Some of the now-obsolete trams had a magnetic braking system whereby eight brake blocks, four on each side, were carried in a horizontal position and parallel with the wheels. On application the blocks were simultaneously dropped on to the tram rails. Being metal to metal the results were, perhaps, not always happy, but there was no denying the great retardation. It is possible that this principle could be adapted to motor vehicles as a supplement to the existing brake. If the technical and manufacturing problems were overcome, the area of contact between vehicle and road, and consequently the coefficient of friction, could be doubled or trebled. The first reaction might be that road surfaces would be torn to ribbons. That need not be the

case, any more than the locked wheel produces at present. Higher speeds also call for new thoughts on the security of shifting loads and the safety of drivers and passengers. Whether it is the prerogative of the chassis manufacturer

of shifting loads and the safety of drivers and passengers. Whether it is the prerogative of the chassis manufacturer or bodybuilder to "armour" the cab, can be left to them, so long as progress is reported in due course. The safety harness should soon be an item of standard equipment.

Glasgow. ARTHUR R. WILSON, M.I.R.T.E.

Why not Convert Railways to Roads?

WITH the ever-growing number of vehicles on the roads and the prospect of twice as many in a few years, would it not be possible to convert the railways into roads? A start in this direction could be made with the railway from London to Sheffield, or Barnsley to Hull, each of which is duplicated.

It is my opinion that these could be made into highways which would prove so successful that they would lead to many more conversions. On them motor vehicles with a length of, say, 65 ft. could be employed and passenger trains could be replaced by buses such as the remarkable Super Golden Eagle operated by Continental Trailways of the U.S.A. Speeds of at least 60 m.p.h. would be attainable and permit great savings in time, money and accidents. Suitable vehicles would also be far superior in quietness and smooth running to obsolescent railway equipment.

York.

This idea is by no means new. It was suggested in The Commercial Motor at least 25 years ago and it was the subject of a recent conference. There are, of course, certain difficulties, such as comparatively low and long tunnels, insufficiently wide to accommodate the type of road which would be required. This problem of narrow width applies also to many lengths of line raised on embankments, passing through cuttings or in built-up areas. However, the advantages are presented that the land would be available with little or no additional cost, and the work on tunnels, bridges and other widenings might, in all, be less than that involved in driving a motorway through virgin country.—ED.]

Molybdenum Disulphide Not Harmful to Engines

THERE have recently been several statements in the motoring Press suggesting that molybdenum disulphide additions to engine lubricating oils result in the formation of an abrasive oxide, with consequent excessive wear at the tops of the cylinders and particularly of exhaust valves.

Following this allegation, the writer has had the engine of his M.G. Magnette—which has run for 36,000 miles lubricated since delivery with oil containing molybdenum disulphide additions in the generally recommended proportions—taken down and examined by an independent party.

The result of the examination has shown that the engine is in very good condition, with general wear less than usual. In particular the wear of the exhaust-valve stems varied from 0.0001 in. to 0.0002 in., whilst the guide wear was negligible.

Samples of whitish deposit were scraped from the exhaust valves and our own analysis has shown that these consisted essentially of lead compound (derived from the fuel), and the molybdenum content was under 0.01 per cent.

Leeds.

G. J. VINEALL, Technical Director, Rocol, Ltd.

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B.T.C. Aim

Freight Transport Exhibition Emphasizes Increased Use by B.R.S. of Special Vehicles

(Below) The 8-ton SD Freightlifter makes light work of palleted body shells. Each two-body pallet, with its superstructure, weighs 34 cwt. and is designed to carry loads up to 6 tons.

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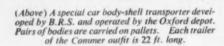
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O far as the trader and industrialist are concerned, the essence of an efficient freight transport service lies in the door-to-door factor. It is a service which the independent haulier has long been able to provide and its features include convenience, the minimum of handling, saving of time and lower costs.

Recent developments within the structure of British Road Services, however, show clearly that the British Transport Commission are prepared to spend a good deal of money to get the business. In this, B.R.S. are in step with British Railways, which, with their rail wagons and road vehicles, are making notable attempts to offer a throughout service in the fields in which rail must predominate.

The lines on which the B.T.C. are thinking were made abundantly clear at the freight transport exhibition which they staged at Battersea Wharf Depot, London, this week. Although most of the exhibits were of new railway equipment, particularly of containers

(Below) A Tri-pad load on a Leyland eight-wheeler. Each of the three interchangeable pallets is 8 ft. long and will accept 5 tons. Detachable sides and headboards are available for each section.



(Above) The prototype VA parcels van based on a modified Austin 3-ton chassis, The 500-cu-ft. body has a transparent plastics roof and loading height of 3 ft. 3 in.

and special-purpose wagons, B.R.S. were strongly represented. Here, again, the emphasis was on specialization—the availability of the right vehicle for a particular purpose.

Of a total fleet of some 16,000 B.R.S. vehicles, only 7,750 are assigned to general haulage. The remainder are for outsize traffics (Pickfords), parcels, meat and for contract hire.

Throughout the exhibition, emphasis was placed on speedy handling, especially in the loading and unloading of railway wagons. There were frequent demonstrations and in most of them it was the

at QUICKER HANDLING

driving of the fork-lift truck and the 7½ton Rapier mobile crane which excited as much interest as the load itself.

The fork truck in use was the SD Freightlifter, complete with British Railways' modifications. This machine, of which 50 are in use in depots throughout the B.R. system, will lift more than 8 tons as a fork lift, can be converted into a 6½-ton mobile crane, and with a lifting frame, can handle containers up to 7½ tons. It will also serve as a searcher crane for removing articles weighing up to a ton from the corners of covered wagons, and can be driven from depot to depot on the road.

There are alternative driving positions, both enclosed, at front and rear, and driver fatigue is markedly reduced by the use of hydraulic booster steering. The power unit is a Perkins P6 65 b.h.p. oil

The Penman ramp is being experimentally used. This simple device is designed to ease the task of transferring containers between rail and road vehicles in the railway siding. It consists of two raised rails with inclined end sections which are set up on each side of the railway line. The containers are provided with pull-out skids at each corner and these engage with the guide rails as the vehicle moves between them.

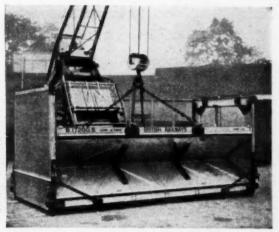
Easy Transfer

Thus, a railway conflat wagon can be driven between the guide rails, the skids are rolled up the incline and the container is left in the elevated position while the wagon is removed and replaced by the lorry. In the reverse motion, a hinged flap under the container engages with a batten on the floor of the vehicle, the motion of which draws the container gently downwards on to the platform.

Perhaps the greatest factor in reducing handling costs is the use of the unit load, either in a container or on a pallet. Containers are available in a large number of types and sizes, for both rail and road use. They are, however, expensive consignments when travelling empty. An effective solution of this problem lies in the collapsible container, an example of which has been developed for the railways by T.I. (Group Services), Ltd.

It is largely of light alloy and in the erect state has a capacity of 4 tons, or 648 cu. ft. It measures overall 16 ft. long, 7 ft. 5½ in. wide and 7 ft. high, and has a tare weight of 1 ton 11 cwt. in prototype form. It is intended to reduce this to 27 cwt, by using light-metal castings and extrusions where mild steel is embodied at present.

The collapsing drill is simple. Inside the end door there is a roof-mounted lever, actuation of which pushes the body ends outwards, freeing spigots and withThis experimental 4ton (648-cu.-ft.) container can be collapsed within its dimensions of 16 ft. by 7ft. 5½ in. Of lightalloy construction, it can be stacked erect or folded. The collapsing mechanism is controlled by levers on the inside roof and exterior walls.



drawing interlocking bars in the body side collapsing cams. Movement of levers on the exterior of the body sides then breaks the sides at the horizontal hinges, allowing them to jack-knife inwards.

In the collapsed position, the container is folded within its own dimensions and is ready for stacking. Four chain sling attachments are provided for raising and lowering with crane or fork lift.

Flexibility of the pallet system was demonstrated by the Tri-pad shown on a Leyland Octopus rigid eight-wheeler. This arrangement was fully described in The Commercial Motor on August 1.

It consists of a 24-ft, platform in three interchangeable sections. Each 8-ft. pallet is capable of carrying 5 tons and can be handled by fork truck. Each section is located on the underframe by two pyramid projections and transverse triangular members.

An unusual car-body transporter has been evolved by B.R.S. and is in use by their Oxford depot. In constant service on the run to Birmingham, the outfit consists of a Commer ES2 tractor, with two 22-ft. trailers. Each trailer is a two-tier structure carrying four body shells on pallets; loading is by heavy-duty fork truck.

The more familiar type of car transporter was also shown at Battersea. This model is a double-decker, in which cars are run on to the upper stage, which can be raised and lowered by hydraulic rams. Pivoted at front and rear, the deck can be raised from ground level smoothly and rapidly into the travelling position. Four complete vehicles can be carried.

As yet in prototype form, the VA 3-ton parcels van based on the Austin 11-ft. 6-in. wheelbase forward-control chassis, with 3.4-litre B.M.C. oil engine, represents another B.R.S. development. This specially designed van was also described in *The Commercial Motor* on August 1. Although basically a forward-control vehicle, the steering-column rake has been altered and the pedals set back to give an unobstructed passage from cab to body proper.

A deep windscreen and short bonnet line give excellent vision forward when parking, and a window in the bulkhead behind the driver gives almost as good a view to the rear. There is no passenger's seat and entry from both sides is practically unobstructed. The 500-cu.-ft. body has a full-width transparent plastics roof and a rear loading height of 3 ft. 3 in.

The B.R.S. section at the exhibition was completed by displays of coachwork of more standard pattern. They included a 4,000-gal. five-compartment petrol tank on an A.E.C. Mammoth Major chassis, a Bonallack 10-ton bulk grain carrier on a Leyland Comet and an 8-ton meat trolley.



Operated by B.R.S. Bourne depot, this Leyland Comet hauls a Bonallack-bodied 10-ton articulated bulk grain transporter.



Planning for Profit

Great Yarmouth Transport Department operate this Leyland Titan with Massey Bros. bodywork. It is one of 47 similar models in this municipal fleek

Time is Ripe for the Public to Be Told How Cheap Bus Travel Is: Cost Comparisons with Car Ownership Are—

Ammunition for Bus Operators

HILST the reasons for the declining fortunes of the bus industry have been discussed ad nauseam at virtually every road passenger transport conference over the past decade, the remedy has been hard to find. Pruning of services in an endeavour to offset increasing operating costs has in some instances only accelerated falling receipts so soon as the travelling public found the new timings inconvenient.

Many of the factors adversely affecting the bus operator today are, unfortunately for him, beyond his control. Particularly does this apply to competition from private motorists resulting from a higher standard of living and an ever-increasing rate of car production.

More recently, however, there have been signs that the public are becoming more price conscious. Convenience, regardless of cost, is no longer the sole criterion. In the retail trade, for example, old-established grocers have been compelled to introduce mobile shops to meet competition from cut-price trading, whilst in other spheres the conditions of a seller's market no longer exist.

Now is the time for bus operators to publicize the cheapness of bus travel compared with the real cost of car travel, on which subject few motorists have any sound knowledge. I will analyse the cost of running a small car to and from work to give operators an idea of the facts that they might use in their propaganda.

Parking Bans

Another new factor which should prove of increasing benefit to the bus operator is the movement, already started in London and Glasgow, to restrict the all-day street parker in city areas, or compel him to pay an economic fee.

Only last week, for example, a ban was imposed on indiscriminate parking in the centre of Glasgow. It was reported that 5,000 motorists formerly went into the city each day and that now there was accommodation for fewer than 2,000 cars. It was significant that after the early rush to claim the remaining free parking spaces, and despite the balance of 3,000 motorists who would normally be parking their vehicles, there was room to spare in parks where a charge was made.

Commenting on the introduction of the Mayfair parkingmeter scheme, Mr. A. Samuels, chairman of the London and Home Counties Traffic Advisory Committee, reported a similar situation. The results so far obtained supported the committee's contention that motorists who had previously parked all day free of charge would find other alternatives rather than park in the street if they had to pay for it.

When stressing the lower cost of travel by bus the operator should make allowance for the limited knowledge which a motorist has on the subject of operating costs. This may be partly because he took up motoring primarily for pleasure. Provided the total expense could be met, details of personal outgoings on non-essentials, if not luxuries, are seldom analysed.

When, however, home-to-office journeys are added to those of pleasure trips, a new element is introduced. As distinct from mileage that was previously non-essential, the journey to the office or place of work is both essential and persistent. Moreover, because the journey is essential, the standard of reliability of the vehicle used should be higher. There are undoubtedly many motorists who have returned to public transport for their home-to-office journeys because of either excessive expense or the unreliability of their previous mode of travel.

Multi-storey Garages?

It might be argued that, because of increasing restrictions on free street parking in city streets, action will have to be taken to provide motorists with alternative accommodation. Multistorey garages are often mentioned in this connection, but, except for one or two notable examples, they do not at present exist. Where their provision has already been considered, the conclusion has usually been that they would not prove a profitable undertaking, and the recent reluctance of motorists to pay for daily street parking confirms it.

In propaganda it would be well to concentrate on the real expense—and additional personal strain—of travelling to work by private car.

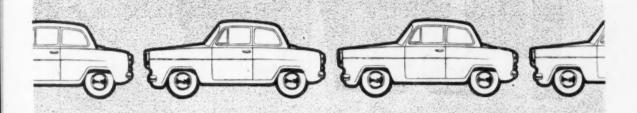
A new 1.000 c.c. car costs approximately £640. Calculating standing costs on a weekly basis, licences would amount to 5s., whilst garaging is assessed at 6s. 6d. This may result from either the rates payable on a privately owned garage or a nominal rent in a public garage, admittedly at a very conservative figure. If it is claimed that this item is nil because the car is left in the street at night, it may be that a higher rate of depreciation will more than offset the saving in rent or rates.

The weekly cost of vehicle insurance is reckoned at 10s., whilst interest at a nominal rate of 3 per cent, on the total

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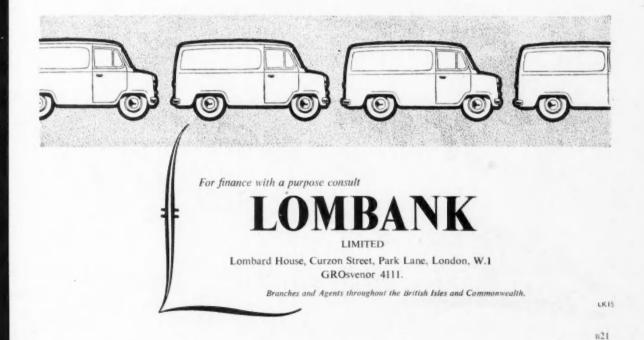
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outlay would amount to 7s. 8d. On the assumption that the value of the car will decrease at the rate of £100 per year, the weekly cost of depreciation will be £2. The total weekly standing costs are £3 9s, 2d.

The major item of running costs—fuel—is based on a price per gallon of 4s. 6d. and a consumption rate of 35 m.p.g. This gives a fuel cost per mile of 1.54d. Lubricants are assessed at 0.20d. per mile. With a set of tyres costing £25 and lasting 15,000 miles, the cost per mile would amount to 0.40d. Maintenance is reckoned at 0.69d. per mile. making a total running cost of 2,83d. per mile.

Corresponding operating costs for a used car of similar type are based on an initial price of £400. Licences and rent and rates remain at 5s, and 6s, 6d, per week respectively. I will assume that the owner requires less insurance cover and reduces the charge to 5s, per week. The loss of interest on the initial outlay will also be waived.

Now that the period of the heavy initial depreciation of a new vehicle has been passed, the cost of this item will be reduced to 20s. per week, making the total weekly standing costs £1 16s, 6d.

For the sake of argument, the three running costs—fuel, 1.54d., lubricants, 0.20d., and tyres, 0.40d. per mile—are assumed to remain unchanged, although they might be a little higher. Maintenance will, however, be greater, and is reckoned at 1.03d. per mile, making the total running costs 3.17d. per mile.

Annual Mileage

Before it is possible to calculate the comparable operating costs per mile it will first be necessary to make an estimate of the likely annual mileage. Dealing first with the home-to-office mileage, where the single trip was five miles, a total of 50 miles would be covered during a five-day week, or 2,500 miles per year. When the single trip was 10 miles, yearly mileage would be 5,000.

Allowance has also to be made for pleasure motoring (although academically it could be argued that it was subsidizing the home-to-office journeys) and I will assume 5,000 miles a year for shopping and week-end trips, and annual holidays. The total annual mileage will be either 7,500 or 10,000, according to whether the single trip to the office is five or 10 miles.

With an average weekly mileage of 150, the standing costs per mile for the new car would be 5.53d., or 4.15d. per mile at 200 miles per week. Added to the running costs of 2.83d. per mile, this gives a total operating cost per mile of 8.36d. (150 miles a week) or 6.98d. (200 miles).

With the used car the standing cost per mile would be 2.92d.



at 150 miles per week and 2.19d, at 200 miles per week. Added to the higher running costs per mile of 3,17d, total operating costs per mile amount to 6,09d, at 150 miles per week and 5,36d, at 200 miles per week.

In comparison with a bus fare of 1s. for five miles, the corresponding cost of operating a car over the same mileage would be: New, 3s. 6d.; used, 2s. 6d. Similarly, for the 10-mile trip, the bus fare is reckoned at 1s. 10d., whilst the cost by car is estimated as follows: New, 5s. 10d.; used, 4s. 6d.

Twice as Dear

In all cases it would be more than twice as expensive for only one person to travel by car, but even if a passenger were carried, and so halving the cost per person, bus travel would still be cheaper.

Relative operating costs alone, however, would not provide a fair comparison either between bus or car travel, or even between the cost of operating a new car as opposed to a used vehicle. Complete freedom from responsibility, not to mention driving strain, is provided by the bus, whilst maximum convenience is provided by the private car. With growing traffic it is reasonable to assume that driving strain will increase and many present-day motorists who are using their vehicles to and from the office may begin to question whether it is worth the effort, apart from the added expense.

In trying to save money the owner of a used car is accepting greater responsibility, both in the possibility of inconvenience resulting from an increased prevalence to breakdown, as well as higher insurance risk.

If, in addition to higher car costs, even a nominal sum is added for parking fees in the future, the balance in favour of bus travel will be greatly enhanced. It is impossible to assess a country-wide average for all-day parking fees in urban centres, but even 2s. per day would have a marked effect on car costs. According to the length of journey and type of car, the resulting increase would range from 17 to 40 per cent. S.B.

Higher Efficiency in New Single-pull Hand Brake

AN improvement of up to 50 per cent, in applied force and a 20-per-cent, increase in brake-rod travel for a given lever movement, as compared with normal types, are advantages claimed for a new single-pull hand brake developed by Neate Brake Controls, Ltd., Hampton Road, Hanworth, Middx.

Applied on test of a well-known make of 14-ton vehicle, the new brake gave 1½ in. of rod movement for 9 in. travel at the top of the brake lever, a dynamometer reading of 1.064 lb. being taken at this point. The normal hand brake fitted to the vehicle needed 15 in. of lever travel to produce the same rod movement and gave only 728 lb. on the dynamometer.

The new design, known as the NBC/14, incorporates a secondary lever attached to the bottom of the normal one. This secondary member is forced about a triangular cam

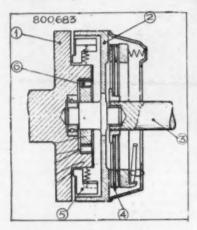
giving a 5-to-1 take-up ratio for the first $\frac{1}{2}$ in. of brake-rod movement. The ratio increases to $7\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 as approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. of rod travel is reached, this being the stage at which the brakes should be fully applied.

With a normal hand brake, having up to 20 in, of lever movement, the driver's arm is usually bent at the end of the stroke, preventing him from giving the maximum pull. As the NBC/14 travels only 9 in., the driver can easily give maximum effort for the final application. It occupies no more space than a conventional single-pull lever. Adjustment of the hand brake is automatic when it is combined with any power braking system in current use.

It is expected that when ordered in quantity the NBC/14 will cost under £8.

Improved Centrifugal Clutch

CENTRIFUGAL clutches, as usually fitted to vehicles, make a tow-start impossible. A clutch that operates centrifugally, but which will also permit a towstart, is shown in patent No. 800,683. (Fichtel and Sachs A.G., Schweinfurt am Main, Germany.)



The clutch described comprises three members; the flywheel (1), an intermediate rotor (2) and the drive shaft (3). The drive shaft can be coupled to the intermediate member by a conventional manually operated friction clutch (4). The intermediate member, when at speed, is driven via centrifugal friction weights (5) carried by the flywheel, and it is by this means that the drive is normally

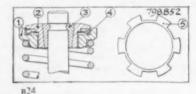
When it is required to crank the engine from the road wheels the centrifugal clutch is of course ineffective. An alternative one-way coupling is therefore provided in the form of a free-wheel (6). This is in parallel with the centrifugal drive and so turns the engine, but overruns when the engine is driving.

MAKING POPPET VALVES ROTATE

poppet valves are made to rotate I slowly during use, wear is evened out and possibly reduced. A simple modification to the usual assembly, intended to promote slight rotation, forms the subject of patent No. 798,852. (Valves, Ltd., Parkside, Coventry.)

Normally, a spring-retaining collar (1) bears directly on to a conically bored collar (2), which receives and grips the split cotters (3). In the present case, spring however, a washer (4) is interposed.

The washer is of special configuration, as shown on the right. It is formed with radial projections (5) and these are



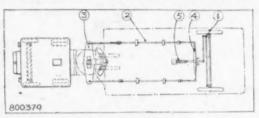
helically twisted so as to slope when in a free state. When compressed by the movement of the valve they tend to flatten out and in doing so exert a powerful but slight circumferential force. This moves the valve through a degree or two, the action continuing all the time that the engine is running.

STEERED SEMI-TRAILER

ONG semi-trailers have difficulty in negotiating sharp corners and patent No. 800,379 deals with a scheme to eliminate this by steering the rear wheels of the trailer. (S. Constantinovich and The Multi-Steering Co., Ltd., 28 Bolton Street, London, W.1.)

In this scheme, the trailer axle is arranged to steer in the opposite direction to the steering movement of the tractor. Referring to the drawing, the rear axle (1) is fitted with steering mechanism, operated by a pair of long rods (2). At the front they are pivoted to a cross-beam (3) which is rigidly attached to the frame of the tractor.

When the tractor corners, the crossbeam follows the angular change and



deflects the trailer wheels. The rods have lost-motion connections in one direction so that only the rod in tension is used. The motion is transmitted through a rear cross-beam (4) pivoted in the middle and provided with a spring (5). The object of this is to bias the steering to the straight-ahead position.

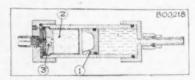
The front cross-beam is automatically disconnected from the tractor if its angular deflection becomes excessive. It automatically re-connects on returning to the straight-ahead position.

BOOSTER VALVE FOR BRAKES

ROM the Borg-Warner Corp., 310 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., comes patent No. 800,924. This deals with a control valve for a servo-assisted hydraulic braking system, the chief feature of which is the way in which the driver is made to feel proportional reaction as he applies effort on the pedal.

EMERGENCY BRAKE ACTUATOR

MERGENCY operation of a hydraulic E braking system is the object of an attachment shown in patent No. 800,218. It consists of an auxiliary hydraulic cylinder in which a small explosive charge is carried, sufficient to displace enough liquid to work the brakes in an emer-(The Talco Engineering Co., 2685 State Street, Hamden, Conn., U.S.A.)



The drawing shows a section of the unit which comprises a piston (1) behind which is a slow-burning explosive charge (2). The charge can be fired electrically by a primer (3) wired to a switch on the dashboard of the vehicle.

One unit per brake would be needed and a ball-valve is provided in the pipe system to prevent loss of the emergency liquid.

DISC BRAKE DESIGN

PATENT No. 800,832 shows a disc brake in which pressure pads on both sides of the disc are operated by a single hydraulic cylinder. (Alfred Teves Maschinen-und-Armaturenfabrik K.G., 41-53 Rebstöcker Strasse, Frankfurt am Main, Germany.)

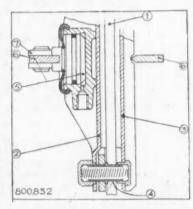
In the drawing, 1 is the disc, 2 a plate faced with friction pressure

material and 3 the The opposite plate. pressure plates are free to slide axially on tubular guides (4) to balance the loading. The guides also contain the release springs.

The hydraulic cylinder (5), when energized, pushes towards the disc and the force is trans-

mitted to the other side by a U-shaped voke (6-6) which straddles the assembly. A lever (7) is provided for operating the brake mechanically.

The pressure plates may be adjusted manually or automatically.



MOBILE SHOP DETAILS

PATENT No. 800,711 describes fittings for the interior of a mobile shop. A tubular frame is used to hold display trays; these are held against movement by rubber friction pads. The patent comes from Smith's Delivery Vehicles, Princes Way, Team Valley. Gateshead 11.



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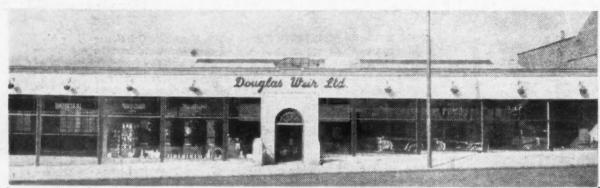
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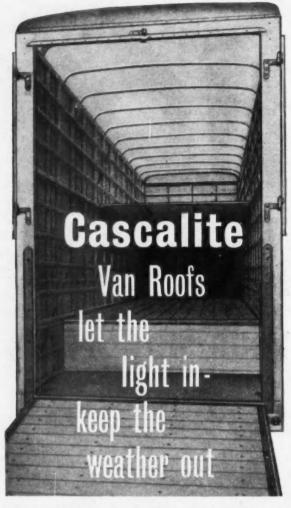
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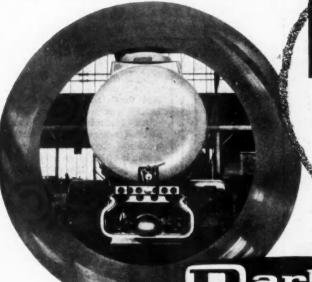
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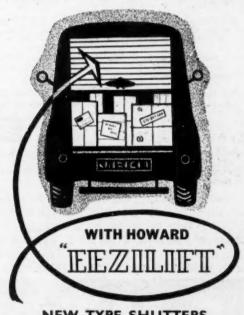
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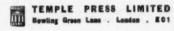
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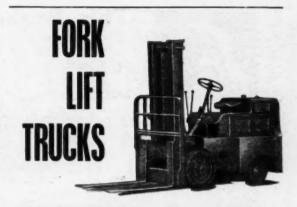
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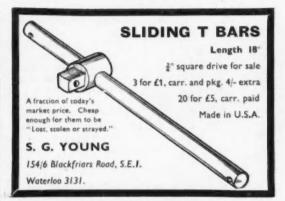
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